



Pollard probe team due here this week

By WOLF BLITZER

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WASHINGTON. — The U.S. is sending a high-level team from the State Department, the Justice Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to Israel early this week to question Israeli officials implicated in the Jonathan Pollard spy scandal.

Secretary of State Shultz, in making this announcement at a news conference on Friday, said the State Department's legal adviser, Judge Abraham Sofaer, will head the U.S. delegation.

Before joining the State Department last summer, Sofaer was a judge in New York state. He presided over the widely-publicized Ariel Sharon-versus-Time magazine libel trial earlier this year. He was praised for his handling of that case. He is Jewish and a frequent visitor to Israel.

The secretary, responding to a question, continued to insist that Israel could be expected to cooperate with the investigation. The sessions will be held behind closed doors. Israel is determined to give them as little visibility as possible.

U.S. officials said they want to question Rafael Eitan, ex-operations chief in the Mossad and former adviser on counter-terrorism to prime ministers Begin and Shamir. He has been reported to have been the senior Israeli official involved in dealing with Pollard, the civilian naval intelligence analyst who was arrested outside the Israeli Embassy on November 21 and

charged with espionage.

U.S. officials have conceded that Israel's willingness to expose their representatives to such interrogation is without precedent in diplomatic history. They said that Israel is apparently prepared to cooperate in an effort to limit the damage to U.S.-Israeli relations from the affair.

Intense discussions took place all last week between U.S. and Israeli officials attempting to establish the ground rules of the U.S. visit. Israel is anxious to maintain the tradition of diplomatic immunity for its officials while at the same time offering to cooperate.

Well-informed sources said the Israeli officials will be able to cite Israel's national security interests in refusing to answer certain questions. They said the meetings will take the form of "interviews," rather than formal, sworn testimony.

In addition to Eitan, the Americans also want access to the two diplomats who returned to Israel on the day after Pollard's arrest. They are Ilan Ravid, a deputy science attaché at the embassy in Washington, and Yosef Yagur, the science attaché at the consulate-general in New York. They are said to have been Pollard's "contacts" in the U.S.

The Americans' main objective in the mission to Israel this week is to obtain more evidence against Pollard and his wife, Anne Henderson-Pollard. Both are in federal custody awaiting preliminary grand jury proceedings.

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Yehuda Hatab (left), convicted of damaging a bus shelter in the capital, and Haim Gottlieb, who was remanded into custody on Friday on suspicion of vandalizing a bus shelter.

Jerusalem man jailed for wrecking bus shelter

A religious zealot from Mea She'arim convicted of vandalizing a bus shelter in the capital was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and nine months suspended by the Jerusalem District Court on Friday. Another Mea She'arim man was remanded into custody for seven days by the court on Friday on suspicion of painting over an advertisement in another bus shelter in the capital.

Some 20 ultra-Orthodox Jews yesterday afternoon demonstrated outside police headquarters at the Russian Compound police station to protest against the arrest and sentencing. On their way back to Mea She'arim some threw stones near the Mitchell cinema, but no damage was reported.

Yehuda Hatab, 24, who was convicted following his confession, was also ordered to pay IS300,000 to Postermedia, the bus-shelter company, to cover the damages.

Hatab was caught by four citizens who stalked out the shelter on Rehov Straus after midnight last Sunday.

Hatab's attorney asked the court to delay the prison term to enable her to appeal for a commutation of sentence to community work. However, the judge accepted the prosecuting attorney's argument that any delay would cancel the

deterrent effect of the punishment. Another Mea She'arim man, Haim Gottlieb, 25, who studies at the Toldot Aharon Yeshiva, was remanded for seven days on suspicion of vandalizing a bus shelter. The police said a Postermedia worker saw the suspect and several other ultra-Orthodox Jews on December 1 painting over an advertisement at a bus shelter. The worker chased the group, who escaped into the Toldot Aharon Yeshiva.

The police wanted Gottlieb detained while they investigate other youths from the yeshiva.

Gottlieb refused to comment on the case. "I do not recognize the authority of the infidel state to judge me," he said.

In Bnei Brak yesterday a car passenger was beaten and slightly hurt by a mob of some 100 youths when he got out of the vehicle to move an electricity pole that the youths had placed across a street they want closed for the Sabbath. Rehov Sharet, which has both religious and secular residents, is open to traffic on Sabbath in accordance with an agreement between police and the municipality.

The mayor of Bnei Brak said that disturbances have occurred on previous Sabbaths because of demands to close the street. (Itim).

30 injured by bombs at Paris shops

PARIS. — Up to 30 people were injured yesterday when two explosions, which police and fire officials believe were caused by bombs, rocked adjacent Paris department stores packed with thousands of Christmas shoppers.

The stores, Galeries Lafayette and Printemps, were about to close for the day when the blasts went off. At Galeries Lafayette, 25 people were hurt while five were injured at Printemps, a fire service spokesman said.

An anonymous caller claiming to belong to the Palestine Liberation Front said it was responsible for the blasts, but police said they were treating the call with skepticism.

However, they carried out a thorough search of the Paris soccer stadium, Parc des Princes, after the caller claimed a bomb had been planted there.

The area around the stores on the fashionable Boulevard Haussmann was sealed off as scores of firemen, along with bomb-disposal experts, police and ambulances rushed to the scene.

In Galeries Lafayette the explosion occurred in the basement causing a small fire, police said.

In the Printemps store the explosion ripped through the perfume department, again causing a small fire, a store official said.

Police later began a search of other stores in the area. A police spokesman said there was full alert just on closing time at the nearby Marks and Spencer where someone had telephoned to warn of a bomb. But the search had produced nothing, he said.

The Auber underground station, which serves the department stores, was cordoned off by riot police after another bomb warning. But this proved to be a false alarm.

On Friday, a blast also went off near Versailles at a Nato office which administers a North Atlantic Treaty Organization fuel pipeline. It followed an attack on the pipeline itself, in central Belgium.

Later Friday, a blast went off in a crowded courthouse in Liege, Belgium, killing one person.

The Fighting Communist Cells of Belgium reportedly claimed responsibility for the two blasts there. There was no such claim for the Versailles blast.

(Renter, AP)

Dekel reportedly got warning CRM to offer new evidence in land case

By SARAH HONIG

Post Political Reporter
Deputy Defence Minister Michael Dekel was warned by senior government officials about illegal activities concerning the building of three West Bank settlements when he was deputy agriculture minister, according to Citizens Rights Movement MK Yossi Sarid and CRM Secretary-General Dedi Zucker.

Today the two intend to hand over to the police documents which they assert show this.

They have already supplied the police with other documents on alleged Samaria land fraud.

The material they still have, they say, consists of internal Ministry of Housing documents from 1982, as well as some Finance Ministry papers from the same year. The first set of documents bears the signature of the then director-general of the Housing Ministry, Asher Wiener.

The second batch is signed by Ya'acov Gadish, who was budget director at the Treasury.

These documents are reportedly addressed to Dekel and contain warnings by both Gadish and Wiener about illegal Ministry of Agriculture activities in approving land deals in the area.

The documents are said to be concerned with the proposed settlements of Avnei Hefetz, Tzofim and Elkana D. According to CRM sources, these documents raise suspicions about fraud and swindling of land-buyers to the amount of millions of dollars.

Meanwhile two more suspects in the affair appeared at Tel Aviv Magistrates Court on Friday and were freed on bail of IS10m.

They were Tat-Ahuf (res.) Yoel Gorodish, managing director of the Avraham Gindi construction company, and the company's secretary, Yehudit Lahav.

Police investigators allege that the two forged documents in connection with the building of a West Bank

settlement at Klatim.

Gindi himself is being held on suspicion of telling clients he had authorization for building settlements called Klatim and Kramim. Police allege he induced hundreds of people to buy plots from him which he did not own.

Some week two former Dekel aides were taken into custody on suspicion of involvement in the affair.

Airports Authority spokesman Avi Tzur was remanded for six days by the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court, suspected of taking bribes and misappropriating Herut Party contributions. He is also suspected of having written to Gindi, falsely certifying that the contractor had government approval for building Kramim.

The second former Dekel aide, Claud Malka, was remanded for five days on suspicion of similar offences.

Meanwhile, the issue is causing rumbles in Herut. A number of MKs and one leading party minister have told *The Jerusalem Post* that they are "shocked" and "upset" by the attacks launched last Thursday by Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Roni Milo and Coalition Executive chairman Haim Kaufman against the police and Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev.

The two charged that Bar-Lev had turned the police into a political tool and that he is waging a vendetta against Herut.

Meanwhile, Sarid and Labour MK Haim Ramon yesterday urged that Dekel's appointment of last week as deputy defence minister be suspended until his role in the affair had been thoroughly investigated.

Herut MK Michael Eitan said that the "super doves turn into aggressive birds of prey bent on the destruction of the settlement effort. People who are now accused cannot be branded guilty until they have been given the chance to defend themselves."

Morasha MK Haim Druckman took Sarid to task for "rushing to report to the press about new evidence which he is yet to turn over to the police."

Ras Burka killer says he had epileptic fit

CAIRO (AP). — A military court has reserved judgment for December 28 against the policeman who shot and killed seven Israeli tourists at Ras Burka in the Sinai.

Lawyer Emad el-Sobki said that military prosecutors are charging Suliman Khater, a member of the general security forces, with murder without premeditation and attempted murder. El-Sobki said the charge is punishable by death.

Khater is accused of opening fire

on a group of Israeli tourists on October 5, killing seven and wounding three others. Egyptian official accounts said he went berserk.

El-Sobki, one of several lawyers for Khater, said he is basing his defence on temporary insanity. "The man was suffering from an epileptic fit" when he shot the Israelis, El-Sobki said. The fits were sporadic, he added, which was why the policeman was able to remain in service.

Country's hospitals face imminent closure, Gur told

By ILAN CHAIM

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The country's hospitals are nearing a state of emergency and face imminent closure unless the cabinet implements the Ya'acobi Committee's recommendations. This is the thrust of a report given to Health Minister Gur on Friday on his return from the U.S. by Dr. Moshe Mashiah, the ministry official in charge of hospital care.

Finance Minister Moda'i is to appeal against the committee's recommendations to increase government support for the health funds at

the cabinet meeting today. Moda'i is to tell the cabinet that Economics Minister Ya'acobi overstepped his authority, and that the committee was appointed to find ways to collect debts owed the government by the funds.

The Mashiah report said the hospitals have no money to buy fuel, and are therefore providing heat only to essential departments, such as intensive-care units and children's wards. Most hospitals are also short of antibiotics, oxygen, and infusion equipment, the report said.

The hospitals are already short of

food, particularly meat, notwithstanding Thruva's threat to cut off their supply of dairy products and produce today if the Health Ministry does not pay at least a quarter of its IS2 billion debt.

A ministry source last night said it is likely the hospitals will soon be forced to operate on an emergency format, unless the Ya'acobi Committee's recommendations are implemented immediately. The committee outlined a comprehensive reorganization of health-care funding three weeks ago, including an immediate injection of \$10m. to

Kupat Holim Klatit and IS30b. to the Health Ministry.

The cabinet debate on the health funds is to take place against the backdrop of the Treasury's difficulties in getting the other ministries to agree to a cut of \$200m. from their budgets. The Finance Ministry has repeated that the main objects of the slash must be the Education, Labour and Health ministries.

According to ministry officials, the Treasury will make a new effort this week to achieve agreement on the cuts.



Some like it hot, but two of these women relaxing on Tel Aviv's Sderot Ben-Gurion on Friday decided the December sun was a bit too fierce. The warm weather is to continue today with partly cloudy skies and slightly higher temperatures. (Ya'acov Malhuel)

Robert Graves, author, at 90

DEIA, Spain (AP). — The English poet and novelist Robert Graves, renowned for his historical novel *I, Claudius*, died yesterday at his home in this town on the island of Majorca. He was 90.

Graves's daughter, Catherine Dakin, said that her father died "in his bed, at home, surrounded by family."

Graves, who had been in ill health for the past 10 years, had been confined to bed for the past several months, she said. She did not give the cause of death.

The news agency Europa Press said Graves would be buried in the village today.

One critic has noted that Graves sustained the ability to write powerful and passionate lyrical poetry well into his 80s, and that the poems written when he was older were more ardent and accomplished than those he wrote as a young man.

Talks resume this week after progress in Cairo

By BENNY MORRIS

Post Diplomatic Reporter

Major progress was made in the resumed Taba talks last week in Cairo and it is expected that the cabinet will have to make some hard decisions following the coming round of talks between Israel and Egypt in Herzliya later this week.

In the plenary sessions of the talks Wednesday and Thursday, both delegations went "through the motions" and "there were no surprises." Israel again proposed conciliation as the negotiating tool to solve the dispute over the 700-metre-long Gulf of Eilat coastal strip held by Israel and claimed by Egypt.

The Egyptian delegation demanded that the matter be submitted to international arbitration, arguing that years of direct negotiations with Israel on the issue have been fruitless.

rooms, and in private *tete-a-tetes*, the heads of the two delegations moved towards agreement on the main outstanding issues, involving the terms of reference of the possible arbitration, and the possibility of admitting and/or concurrently activating conciliation and arbitration.

Later this week, the two delegations are likely to nail down a formula that Israeli delegation heads will have to bring to the cabinet and the Egyptians to President Mubarak. The delegation heads in Cairo last week reached substantial agreement on key elements of the *compromis* (the document agreed to by both sides that will serve as the basis of the conciliation or arbitration).

The two sets of officials were very close to agreement on the constitution of the arbitration panel, which is to number either three or five members, including an Israeli and an Egyptian. Both sides were also very

close to agreement on the prospective length of the arbitration procedure — which is now viewed as something which will span months rather than years.

The *compromis* is also to deal with how the Taba issue is to be defined before it is submitted to conciliation or arbitration.

The "question of the question" is the main problem facing Israel's chief delegates, Avraham Tamir, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, and Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche. They will try to reach a formula acceptable to Mubarak and Prime Minister Peres (who support arbitration) and Foreign Minister Shamir (who demands conciliation).

Foreign Ministry officials said over the weekend that each side gained a better understanding of the other's position and clarified various points at the plenary session

Wednesday and Thursday.

On Tuesday, before Taba came up, the Israeli delegates presented a series of questions about the Ras Burka massacre, in which an Egyptian security man shot dead seven Israeli tourists in Sinai on October 5, and about normalization of relations between the two countries.

Israeli interest at the meeting focused on when Israel would be given the full Egyptian report on the murders and their attendant circumstances. The Egyptians said the matter was *sub judice*, as the Egyptian soldier responsible is currently on trial for murder.

Kimche countered that the *sub judice* argument could not be used to cover information about why, as Israel alleges, the Ras Burka victims were not treated by Egyptian medics and why the Egyptians prevented

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Forecast: Clear to partly cloudy

	Yesterday	Yesterday's	Today's
Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max	Min-Max
Jerusalem	24	14-19	20
Golan	17	10-21	21
Safed	36	11-18	19
Haifa Port	25	14-24	25
Tiberias	38	9-25	25
Nazareth	21	13-23	23
Afula	22	13-26	26
Sharon	20	9-21	22
Tel Aviv	61	10-20	21
B-G Airport	29	8-22	23
Jericho	27	8-26	26
Gaza	67	14-22	23
Beersheva	19	5-24	24
Eilat	17	11-28	28

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Asher Halperin, director-general of the Association of Banks, has been elected president of the Tel Aviv Commercial and Industrial Club for a two-year term. Outgoing president Haim Teichman remains a member of the club's board.

POLLARD PROBE

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ceedings. He faces a life sentence, accused of espionage, while she has been charged with illegally possessing classified documents. That charge carries a maximum 10-year sentence. On Friday, her lawyers tried for a third time without success to get her released on bail.

The U.S. also hopes to ascertain how Israel recruited Pollard, who has already confessed to the FBI. The Americans are anxious to learn some lessons from this intelligence mishap to prevent similar incidents.

Pollard may also have provided classified information to other foreign governments. During initial interrogation by the FBI, Pollard has maintained that he also worked for Pakistan and East Germany. His wife has been also accused of planning to sell stolen classified documents to the Embassy of China. The Americans want to learn what, if anything, Israel may know about all of this.

The Washington Post yesterday reported that Pollard has told the FBI that he and his wife went to Israel twice within the past year and that the trips were financed by his unidentified "contact."

Quoting federal prosecutors, the newspaper said that Pollard has identified his contact as an Israeli official. According to his account, the couple went to Israel in November 1984 and July 1985.

In a separate story yesterday, the newspaper reported extensively on the way friendly countries and allies spy on each other. It noted that the U.S. has spied on Israel over the years, although it probably has not "run" agents in Israel.

Retired Lt.-Gen. Lincoln Faurer, who headed the U.S. government's National Security Agency until last March, said the U.S. would be "more circumspect...than Israel appears to have been in this case. I doubt we would be paying someone in Israel to bring us information," he said.

Civil service proposals blasted by union leader

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - Civil Service Union Secretary Reuven Ben-Ami yesterday attacked reported proposals by Civil Service Commissioner Avraham Natan outlawing strikes and introducing compulsory arbitration in the public sector. The proposals were reported in the press on Friday.

Natan's proposals are "anti-democratic," Ben-Ami said. The only means of solving labour disputes in a democratic country are free negotiations between workers and employers, he added.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Spy case costs Israel break on paying debts

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON - Democratic Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii has withdrawn his proposed \$531 million amendment to cut the interest rate on outstanding U.S. military loans to Israel from 12 per cent to 5 per cent.

The withdrawal of the amendment, which had been well on its way toward passage this year, follows the Jonathan Pollard spy scandal and the consensus among Israel's best friends on Capitol Hill that this is not the right time to seek extra aid.

There was fear that a prolonged debate over the added aid in the Senate and House of Representatives would have ensured that the spying allegations against Israel would continue to receive extensive exposure in the media.

Israeli officials have been anxious to remove the matter from public view.

Inouye, a strong supporter of Israel and the ranking minority member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, did not directly refer to the Pollard case in explaining his decision to drop the initiative.

Instead, he cited budgetary problems in Congress and fresh assurances from Secretary of State Shultz that the administration will study other means to ease Israel's foreign-

debt repayment problems.

The administration opposed the Inouye amendment as "budget busting." It noted that Israel is already slated to receive \$3 billion in economic and military grants in the 1986 fiscal year foreign-aid bill. Beyond that assistance, Congress earlier this year passed a supplementary, two-year \$1.5b. economic package for Israel.

Israeli officials, who welcomed the Inouye plan as representing a major long-term bonanza for Israel's ailing economy, privately acknowledged that the decision to withdraw the amendment was the first "tangible" damage caused by the Pollard case. They expressed hope that Inouye would revive his initiative next year.

Had the Inouye amendment passed this year, congressional observers said, there almost certainly would have been even more significant economic savings for Israel in the long run. The initial saving for Israel next year - as envisaged in the ill-fated Inouye proposal - was to be followed in subsequent years by additional amendments aimed at reducing the interest rates on other outstanding loans.

"All of that is now going to have to wait until the dust settles from the Pollard business," a pro-Israeli Congressional source said.

U.S. apparently urging Syria to join peace efforts

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON - Secretary of State Shultz has described Syria as a country of "key importance" in the Middle East, and has indicated that the U.S. is trying to persuade Damascus to join Mideast peace efforts.

At a State Department news conference on Friday, the secretary said that Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Richard Murphy recently had some "very interesting" and "wonderful" discussions with the Syrian leadership in Damascus.

Shultz said he did not want to "get into the details" of Murphy's meetings in Damascus. But because Syria is "obviously" a country of key importance, Shultz said, the U.S. will remain in close contact with it.

The secretary said there had been very considerable progress in the peace efforts in recent months, although he conceded that efforts to get direct Arab-Israeli negotiations off the ground have been difficult.

He said most of the parties are coming around to the view that only direct talks will produce results. In response to a question, however, he acknowledged that Syria is not yet among those parties.

When asked about the Soviet Union's involvement in Arab-Israeli peace talks, the secretary suggested the Kremlin leadership would have to meet three conditions, including

the restoration of full diplomatic relations with Israel, the easing of the plight of Soviet Jewry, and the increase in the number of exit permits granted to those Soviet citizens seeking permission to leave.

Shultz's remarks about Syria appeared to reinforce the notion in Washington that the U.S. is encouraging the Damascus regime to get directly involved in any revived peace moves with Israel.

Last Thursday, the State Department reiterated the long-standing position that the territorial withdrawal provisions of UN Security Council Resolution 242 apply to all fronts, including the Golan Heights.

"We continue to hope that all parties in the dispute, including Syria, will recognize the opportunities inherent in the current peace process and elect to participate constructively," a spokesman said in a prepared statement.

U.S. officials have welcomed Prime Minister Peres's statement in a recent interview with *The Washington Post* that Israel would consider negotiations with Syria over the future of the Golan Heights, which Israel annexed in December 1981.

On Friday, Shultz referred to the problems of finding an acceptable "mechanism" for getting any talks started. The Americans are still aiming for negotiations between Israel and a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation.

Rabin warns settlers' council on making illegal statements

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Defence Minister Rabin warned the West Bank and Gaza Strip settlers council that the government will take legal steps if they state again that they would not recognize a government that cedes land for peace.

The warning was delivered in a letter the coordinator of government activities in the administered territories, Shmuel Goren, sent on Rabin's behalf to Yisrael Harel, chairman of the Council of Settlers in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. The letter was sent Friday, but Harel told *The Jerusalem Post* he had not received it. "When it arrives we will treat it with the respect it deserves," Harel added.

The warning was issued in reaction to the council's resolution last month that ceding sovereignty in the West Bank, Gaza, Jerusalem or the Golan would be "an illegal act and

ought not to be obeyed."

"We will treat any government in Israel which commits one of these crimes as an illegal regime, (and) as General de Gaulle had (treated) the Vichy regime of Marshal Petain," the resolution added.

The settlers executive backed down from the resolution four days later. However, Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir nevertheless wrote to the Defence Ministry's legal adviser saying he believed the original statement "borders on the criminal."

Zamir, on November 17, suggested warning the settlers council against "the danger" of its decision and the Defence Ministry spokesman said yesterday that Rabin's letter was sent in reference to that legal opinion.

The spokesman quoted Goren as having "expressed his hope" that following this warning, "the council will refrain from similar moves which will require legal action."

No leads in London fire that killed two Israelis

By DAVID GRANT

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. - Police here have no clues as to the identity of the arsonist responsible for a house fire in which two Israelis were killed last Monday morning. A woman held under suspicion for the blaze has been released.

A full report on the cause of the fire is still pending, but police are treating the case as a double murder, as traces of petrol point to an act of arson.

Haim Ashkenazi, 52, and his wife

Tamar, 50, of Haifa, were both killed in the fire. Mrs. Ashkenazi dying a day after the blaze in hospital.

Both were guests in the two-story home of their daughter Yafa Vandenburg, who is still in hospital suffering from burns. Her two children and a friend have since been discharged from hospital.

A neighbour who lived downstairs in the house in Lyndale Avenue near Golders Green, and whose eccentric behaviour has been the cause for concern among other residents in the street, was allowed home after interrogation by police.

Kaddoumi's speech worse than Nazi propaganda

By WALTER RUBY

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
NEW YORK. - Israeli UN Ambassador Binyamin Netanyahu said here Thursday that "not even (Nazi Propaganda Minister Joseph) Goebbels could have topped" the statement by PLO representative to the UN Farouk Kaddoumi that Leon Klinghoffer might have been pushed into the ocean by his wife Marilyn so that she could collect on his insurance.

Netanyahu, who delivered two major speeches here last week during separate General Assembly debates on the "Question of Palestine" and the "Situation in the Middle East," told *The Jerusalem Post* that Kaddoumi's remark concerning Klinghoffer delivered at a UN luncheon last Wednesday represented "major bungling by Kaddoumi, which starkly reveals the real conceptions and psychology of the PLO."

The General Assembly debate on Palestine ended Wednesday night, and the discussion of the Middle East situation began yesterday and is expected to continue through today.

The debates featured a long line of speakers from Moslem, Communist and Third World countries, which attacked Israel and Zionism in uncompromising terms, demanding immediate Israeli withdrawal from the territories, and the creation of a Palestinian state. The General Assembly is to vote on resolutions on both questions this week.

In his Wednesday speech on the Palestine question, Netanyahu

noted that PLO chief Yasser Arafat recently extolled the late mufti of Jerusalem Haj Amin al-Husseini, saying that he took "immense pride" in being the mufti's student. Netanyahu pointed out the close collaboration between the mufti and Nazi Germany, and that over the years the PLO has worked closely with Nazis and neo-Nazis, and that "one of the PLO's Force 17 killers in Larnaca turned out to be a British neo-Nazi." He also noted that "the notorious neo-Nazi terrorist Odrif Hepp joined Abu Abbas in PLO headquarters in Tunis, before Abbas himself achieved notoriety by murdering the Achille Lauro outrage."

Citing many recent statements by top PLO leaders calling for Israel's liquidation, Netanyahu noted that on December 1, Arafat said on Radio Algiers, "The Palestinian people will fight the Zionist foe to the last baby in its mother's womb." The Israeli ambassador responded, "I do not know if he meant a Palestinian baby or Zionist baby. It does not matter. What matters is the cruel, uninhibited commitment to total war, a war 'to the last baby,' a war of extermination.... Once again, Arafat unwaveringly follows the path set by the mufti."

Netanyahu appealed to Arab moderates to "refuse to submit to the rejectionists. They must defy the stranglehold of terror.... The minute they do so, they will find in Israel a most enthusiastic partner for peace."

Hitchhiking soldier slain after struggle with attackers

PETAH TIKVA (Itim). - Moshe

Levy, 18, who was murdered late Thursday night while hitchhiking home from his army base, struggled with his attackers before they killed him with a sharp instrument and set his body on fire, police said on Friday. Levy was probably slain by terrorists, they said.

Levy was found dead in a field about 3 kilometres from his parents' home in Moshav Mazar, which is off the Petah Tikva-Lod road. He was hitchhiking from his army base.

Levy was found by a resident of the moshav who was driving by and noticed a fire burning in the field. The killers probably set the body on fire to destroy evidence, police said.

A Magen David Adom doctor pronounced Levy dead.

Police set up roadblocks in the area afterwards, but no arrests have been reported yet.

The driver of a yellow car, probably a Passat, who apparently gave Levy and another soldier a lift Thursday evening from the Beit Kama junction is asked to contact police at 03-914441. The driver let the other soldier out at the Kastina junction, and later dropped Levy at the Bilu junction.

Levy's father said his son was a "good boy" but that "he refused to

listen to us about hitchhiking." On numerous occasions, the father said, "we asked him not to hitchhike, but he said he wanted to visit us as often as possible. And this is what happened."

"I think the Israel Defence Forces should make it illegal to hitchhike, and that it should fine and jail those caught violating the law," he said.

Levy studied mechanics for three years at the Amal Alef school in Petah Tikva and for a year at the pre-army school, Onim, in Kfar Sava.

The funeral will leave this morning at 11:30 from his home on Rehov Livik in the Syriya neighbourhood of Petah Tikva.

Made-up story

In another development, a soldier who returned to his base after leave without his uniform, and told his commander two Arabs had stolen his clothes, received a six-month suspended sentence in the Haifa District Court on Friday.

Yosef Abu Kasir, 19, confessed that he made up the story to explain why he didn't have his uniform when he returned to base last April. He was convicted of lying to the police, with whom he filed a complaint about the "robbery."

Two teenagers die in collision

SHLOMI (Itim). - Two teenagers were killed and four were seriously injured on Friday night when a motorcycle and a car collided on the road from Shlomi to Kosh Hanukra.

The dead were Erez Mamman, 18, from Moshav Zarit and Sando Azuli, 18, from Shlomi. The injured, also teenagers, were taken to hospital in Nahariya where they underwent emergency operations.

Police yesterday were still investigating the crash in which the car overturned after colliding with the motorcycle driven by Mamman.

Twelve people were killed and 52 were seriously injured in 51 road accidents last week. Nine of the dead were pedestrians, three of them children. Of the injured 50 were pedestrians, 19 of them children.

Wounded Sri Lankans treated in Israel

COLOMBO (Reuters). - Four Sri Lankan security men who lost limbs in battles against Tamil separatist guerrillas returned home yesterday to a hero's welcome after receiving treatment in Israel.

Television cameras whirled as the four, two soldiers, a police commander and a naval lieutenant, all fitted with artificial limbs in Tel Aviv, emerged from an aircraft smiling.

A Defence Ministry official told Reuters they were sent to Israel for treatment as President Junius Jayewardene wanted to give wounded troops the best possible medical attention. "Israel is the best place for this type of treatment," he said.

The men, who were accompanied by a plastic surgeon from Colombo, were treated at a hospital in Tel Aviv for three weeks.

Larnaca defendants tell court Israeli yachtsmen were spies

NICOSIA (AP). - The Briton and

the two Palestinians on trial here for the murder of three Israelis said Friday they shot their victims because they were spies responsible for the death of many Palestinians.

Their statements came on the fifth day of the trial in which each of the accused faces three charges for the premeditated murder of the Israelis aboard a small yacht at the Larnaca marina on September 25.

"We killed the Israelis because they ran a spy ring in Cyprus and were responsible for the arrest of many of our comrades as well as the murder of many women and children," Haled al-Hatib said.

"They also killed my former boss Ali Hassan Salameh Abu Hassan. They killed all the members of my family. I am the only survivor," Hatib, 28, a student holding a Syrian passport, added.

Ali Hassan Salameh, code named Abu Hassan, was the PLO's chief intelligence officer. He was generally regarded as the mastermind of a series of terror attacks in the 1970s, including the massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics. He was killed by Israeli agents

in Beirut in 1979.

Though named Hatib in his passport, the accused told the court his real name was Elia Yabia Nassif.

"We do not forget Sabra and Shatila and the Deir Yassin massacres by the Israelis. They also killed many young people and caused the arrest of many of our comrades sailing from Cyprus to Lebanon," he added.

The slain Israelis were Reuven Palzur, 53, his wife Esther, 50, and Avraham Avneri, 55.

The second Palestinian accused, Abdul Halifa, 29, a labourer with a Jordanian passport, admitted in his sworn statement that it was he who had shot Mrs. Palzur. He said: "We know well that killing a woman is the work of criminals and not revolutionaries like us. But she was a member of the Mossad and held military rank."

Defendant Ian Michael Davison, 28, a carpenter from the northern English town of South Shields, said: "I have no regrets for doing what I have done because it was my duty as an international socialist and a person of conscience to fight the Zionist movement wherever I can."



A statue seems to give a Ferris wheel a push at Paris's Tuileries Gardens where a travelling amusement park illegally set up shop last week. Ride operators were protesting being banned from operating in city centres. The French Culture Ministry has ordered that it be removed, but police have not acted, because such fairs are popular. (AFP photo)

White domination must end, says South Africa's envoy

By ROY ISACOWITZ

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - South African Ambassador David de Villiers du Boisson was clearly taken aback at the inaugural meeting of the Israeli-South African Friendship League, when he was asked if fast and too radical reforms are to blame for the current unrest in his country.

The ambassador overcame his surprise and went on to reiterate his government's commitment to the eradication of racial discrimination. "The government has accepted that white domination must end," he said. "Most of the issues raised by the international community have already been answered in principle."

About half of the league's 60 founding members, mostly former South Africans, were on hand for the

inaugural meeting. They condemned what they said was a campaign of vilification in the press against South Africa and dedicated themselves to strengthening the links between that country and Israel.

Solly Ben-Ami, the league's organizing secretary, said the group would undertake a lobbying effort to "block the propaganda of (Mordcha) Varshtubski, (Yossi) Sarid (both Knesset members) and Arthur Goldreich (a leader of the Israeli anti-apartheid movement)."

The league, he said, has friends in high positions in various political parties, with whom it has already held informal discussions. Early in the new year, he promised, "some very prominent people will be brought in."

Visiting Soviet official sees no change in policy on Jews

By DAVID RUDGE

HAIFA. - President Herzog's attendance at the Communist Party's convention - the first by an Israeli president - will not influence Russia's policy on the exit of Soviet Jews or hasten the renewal of diplomatic ties with Israel, the head of the Russian delegation to the meeting told reporters here on Friday.

Michael Menashev said he viewed the president's visit as an expression of Herzog's appreciation of the Communist Party's activities in Israel and the party's "growing influence in Israeli political life."

Menashev said he had not brought any message of change in his coun-

try's policy towards the emigration of Soviet Jews.

The head of the Polish delegation to the convention, Tadeusz Czechowicz, said Poland would not establish an embassy in Israel unless Israel recognizes the "rights" of the Palestinian people.

He stressed, however, that there is a difference between contacts on a state level and a popular level. Poland has had strong cultural and economic ties with the Jewish people since World War II, he said.

The four-day convention of the Communist Party, which was held at the Shavit Cinema, ended yesterday.

Fassbinder play may be staged again

FRANKFURT (Reuters). - The publisher of the play *Garbage, the City and Death*, whose premiere was scrapped because of its anti-Semitism, said last week it could now be performed anywhere in the world.

Arbeitskreis Braun of the Verlag der Autoren company told Reuters legal experts had advised that a special press showing of the play in Frankfurt on November 4 could be considered a premiere.

The author, the late film director Rainer Werner Fassbinder, had stipulated that the play must have its premiere in Frankfurt, New York or Paris.

Frankfurt City Theatre director Guenther Ruehle insisted, however, that the play had not had its premiere.

Jewish protesters forced the cancellation of the world premiere at the Frankfurt at the Frankfurt City Theatre on October 28.

Sky-jacker says he is Palestinian

VALLETTA (AP). - A man suspected of being the lone surviving hijacker of the Egyptian jetliner told police that he is not a Tunisian but a Palestinian born in Lebanon, a Maltese government spokesman said Friday.

The spokesman told reporters that the suspect said his name is Omar Mohammad Ali Rezak, 22. He had previously identified himself as Omar Marzouki of Tunisia, but Tunisian officials said they had never issued a passport in that name.

The man is still being treated for bullet wounds and is in intensive care in hospital here under heavy guard. His condition is improving, the spokesman said.

The suspect had been described by Maltese officials as the alleged leader of the takeover, but later they admitted that it was unclear who had been giving orders in the hijack.

The spokesman said the suspect had not told police much but insisted that there were only two other hijackers besides himself.

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Cancer researchers now asking right questions

By LOIRA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

EIN GEDI. — The Third Maimonides Conference on Cancer Research concluded here yesterday with mixed news. Scientists believe that they are on the threshold of a breakthrough in understanding how cells become malignant. But the answer may not result in a quick cure.

Dr. George Vande Woude, director of the basic research programme at the Frederick Cancer Research Facility in Maryland is the most optimistic.

One of the organizers of this conference, he arrived a day late be-

cause he wanted to bring a copy of *Nature* magazine, containing an article on his latest discovery, a genetic marker for Cystic Fibrosis (CF).

So far, 40 oncogenes (cancer-causing genes) have been identified by scientists. The Frederick research team found one such oncogene some three years ago.

Vande Woude says that oncogenes in general "are conserved genes that have remained virtually unchanged through evolution." In other words, cancer is not a new disease, he adds. In the past, people simply did not live long enough to exhibit the symptoms.

"CF is the biggest hereditary killer

disease in the U.S. One infant in 1,600 gets it and the life expectancy is just over 20 years.

"Finding the marker for the gene responsible for CF was an unexpected reward of our oncogene research," says Vande Woude.

Prof. Shraga Segal of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev Medical School told *The Jerusalem Post* that cancer researchers are now asking the right questions and they will soon come up with the right answers.

Segal's research focuses on metastasis, or the ability of malignant cells to travel through the blood and

lymph systems. "Metastasis is the major obstacle to achieving a complete cancer cure. If we knew how to stop the metastasis process, we could then achieve complete cancer cure by the eradication of the primary tumour."

One offshoot of this research is that the biopsy of malignant tumours can now more exactly pinpoint the cancerous area and doctors are able to focus treatment accurately so that patients no longer need massive doses of radiation, which can result in complications.

The Maimonides Conference is held yearly at the Guest House here.



A nursing student holds up a baby so that he can look at a menorah at a Hanukkah party at the children's ward at Hadassah Hospital-Ein Kerem last week. Children from nearby Kibbutz Ramat Rachel made the decorations. (Avi Hiran)

21 U.S. rabbis to appeal convictions for embassy rally

WASHINGTON (AP). — A lawyer for 21 rabbis convicted of demonstrating too close to the Soviet embassy said on Friday they will appeal against the verdicts. And he claimed President Reagan's administration prosecuted them "because the Soviets asked for it."

District of Columbia Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly found the rabbis guilty on Thursday, fined them \$50 each and put them on probation for six months. She suspended 15-day jail sentences but said that penalty would be reinstated if they violate any laws while on probation.

Attorney Dan Goldstein, representing the rabbis, said: "These people were prosecuted because the Soviets asked for it. Attorney General Edwin Meese did it, and it looks like he does what the Soviets ask." Goldstein said.

Prosecutors in the District of Columbia work for the Justice Department, headed by Meese.

The rabbis were arrested on June 10 in front of the embassy and charged with breaking a city law requiring protesters to stay at least 152 metres away from an embassy.

It is the same law broken by nearly 3,000 anti-apartheid demonstrators over the last year in front of the South African Embassy. Charges against them have routinely been dropped.

"I think we all remain quite upset that these people are being prosecuted while those at the South African Embassy are not," said Mark Epstein, a spokesman for the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, which sponsored the demonstration as part of a series of protests at the Soviet Embassy.

Histadrut supports rises for IDF officers

By ROY ISACOWITZ
TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut supports granting wage increases to combat pilots and standing army officers in elite combat units. Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar said Friday.

Meeting with OC Air Force Aluf Amos Yaron, Kessar explained that the labour federation supports de-linking wages of the officers in question from other wages in the economy.

Until now, any wage increase for select IDF officers has precipitated a wave of other increases, primarily in the IDF and the police. That linkage cannot be allowed to continue in the present economic circumstances, Kessar said.

He added that he and Chief of General Staff Rav-Aluf Moshé Levy had recently agreed that the wage rises for elite unit officers would be absorbed by the defence budget and would not lead to increased budget demands.

Kessar was the guest of the Air Force at new Air Force bases in the Negev and the Jordan Valley.

'U.S. public afraid of visiting Mideast'

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The American public has become terribly frightened of travel, especially to the Middle East, Barbara Taylor, president of the Market-share public relations firm of New York, disclosed on Thursday night.

She was speaking at an image-promotion seminar organized by the Ministry of Tourism and attended by Israel Government Tourist Office representatives from Europe and the U.S.

Some of the participants were in Israel for the first time, cramming information into a four-day sojourn so that they would be better equipped to sell Israel as a tourist destination in their home cities.

Addressing seminar participants in Jerusalem, Tourism Minister Avraham Shafir offered the prize of an all-expenses-paid return visit to Israel to anyone who can come up with the right kind of promotion campaign to give tourists the feeling that there is a personal welcome waiting here for them.

JDC raises \$4.3m. for Ethiopia

NEW YORK (JTA). — The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) over the past year collected more than 25,000 contributions from the Jewish community totalling \$4.3 million for relief work in Ethiopia, it was learned. The amount consists of \$2.2m. in cash and \$2.1m. in donated supplies.

The people of the Ethiopian province of Gondar last week were presented by the JDC with a symbolic key for a health centre in Tadar. It was accepted on their behalf by the Ethiopian ambassador to the UN, Berhanu Dinka.

The ambassador in turn presented the JDC with a plaque "in recognition of your humanitarian service in Ethiopia in 1985." It was presented to JDC president Heinz Eppler on behalf of Danit Wolde Giorgis, chief commissioner of the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission in Ethiopia, the Ethiopian equivalent of the Red Cross.

Eppler accepted the plaque on behalf of American Jewry, which is the primary source of funds for the JDC. The bulk of the JDC's work,

extending to more than half a million people in more than 30 countries, is supported by the campaign of the United Jewish Appeal.

The presentation of the key to the recently completed health clinic in Tadar in Gondar province was made during a luncheon at the 71st annual meeting of the board of directors of the JDC attended by about 200 persons at the Grand Hyatt Hotel here.

The health centre is to serve primarily as an outpatient clinic, although it will also house a small hospital and pharmacy and act as a training centre for health attendants and village health-workers. A second health centre is under construction in Gondar.

During the board of governors meeting, the JDC adopted a \$51.2 million 1986 budget and reaffirmed the JDC commitment to Jews and Jewish communities worldwide. Eppler of Palm Beach was re-elected JDC president, Henry Taub of Tenafly, New Jersey, was re-elected JDC chairman of the board, and Dr. Saul Cohen of New York was re-elected executive vice president.

Hit-an-run driver sought in death of woman, 89

HAIFA (Itim). — The magistrates court here issued an arrest warrant on Friday for a resident of Upper Nazareth suspected in the hit-and-run killing of Kiryat Ata resident Luva Grossman, 89, on Thursday.

A police representative told the court that Ghia Nankashvili (Guy),

23, is wanted in connection with the accident. He said the suspect abandoned his car at the scene of the accident on Kiryat Ata's Rehov Ben-Zvi without offering the woman any medical assistance. The woman later died despite attempts to revive her by Magen David Adom medics.

Japanese industrialist seek concrete ideas here

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Japanese aeronautical specialist who designed the bombers that sank the U.S. fleet at Pearl Harbour exactly 44 years ago yesterday has brought a group of industrialists to the Technion to discuss terms they can mass produce and market.

Prof. Hideo Itokawa, 73, said in an interview last week that he believes he has "penetrated the secret" of Jewish ability. "Your 10 Commandments, forbidding you from making graven images have kept you hunking in the abstract through the generations."

"Abstract thinking makes for creativity and vision that evade the more practically thinking," he said. "We Japanese are good at impro-



Prof. Hideo Itokawa

ving ideas, mass producing the products and marketing them, but I believe we can pick up some very good ideas to apply for production at the Technion," he said.

Itokawa said he is now sorry that in his youth, as chief project engineer with the Nakakima concern,

he designed the famed Zero fighters and the bombers which struck at Pearl Harbour.

Six months ago, Itokawa founded a Technion Society in Japan to express his admiration for the institute and to help bridge the "long distance, geographic and psychological, between our two countries." It now has 67 members, many of them well-known concerns which joined anonymously as "special members" for fear of retaliation by the Arab boycott.

This is Itokawa's fourth visit to Israel and the second with a group of 28 businessmen, industrialists and artists to the Technion.

The visitors intend to make a research grant for the development of a "robot nurse" invented at the Technion. One of them hopes to manufacture a biological insecticide developed at the institute.

Social workers to confer on school-leavers

By ILAN CHAIM
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Workers at 37 rehabilitation centres specializing in school drop-outs, are to be addressed by Histadrut secretary-General Yisrael Kessar when they hold a national conference at the Wingate Institute near Telany tomorrow.

Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs Director-General Zvi Zilker will also speak at the conference of the Mifitanim (thresholds) network. Mifitanim caters to drop-outs aged 12 to 15 who are considered potential delinquents.

The children are referred by social and educational institutions to Mifitanim, whose workshops are based on small study groups and vocational training. The first Mifitanim was established in Jerusalem in 1949 to help cope with the social problems of mass immigration. Today's network, supervised by the Labour and

Social Affairs Ministry's Youth Rehabilitation Service, deals with the approximately 20 per cent of the country's school drop-outs categorized as delinquents or potential delinquents.

Mifitanim's over 1,700 trainees devote four hours a day to learning vocational skills and good work habits. They learn trades such as carpentry, metalwork, auto mechanics and child care.

The trainees receive about 75 per cent of the profits from these activities in closed bank accounts for use after graduation — minus small amounts used for pocket money and bus fares to and from the centres. The remainder of the profits helps cover the cost of the training.

Upon graduation from the usually three-year course, the trainee is awarded a certificate recognized by the ministry's department of vocational training.

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HANUKKA, festival of lights, is one of the few joyous holidays in the Jewish calendar year.

Latkes and doughnuts, the traditional fare for Hanukkah, are consumed in great quantities, but these days most people are weight conscious so I have concentrated instead on other recipes that are easy to make - in fact even children can try making some of the dishes.

For the new young cooks it's advisable first to read the recipes through and prepare the required utensils and ingredients. Also, remember to clean up when finished. Furthermore, shopping for the required items could be of some educational value.

Jellied Doughnuts

16 thick slices white bread
1 pkt. quick jelly - your favourite flavour
2 eggs
1 cup milk
4 tbs. self-raising flour or 4 tbs. plain flour and 1 tsp. baking powder
2 tsp. salt
½ tsp. vanilla essence.

Cut bread with a large doughnut or cookie cutter. If using a cookie cutter remember to cut out the centre with a much smaller cutter. Make up the jelly with ½ cup boiling water. When the jelly has set, sandwich it in the bread to make 8 sandwiched doughnuts.

Make a batter by beating the eggs and adding the self-raising flour or plain flour with baking powder, vanilla essence, salt and milk. Mix well, then dip the sandwiches into the batter. Heat some margarine or oil in a frying pan, carefully lower the mock doughnuts and fry until they are a golden brown underneath, then turn them over with a spatula or broad-palette knife and remove them from the pan when the second side is brown.

Sprinkle with icing sugar, with or without cinnamon, or make a glaze with 1 cup of icing sugar and just enough orange juice to make a paste. Another way to top the doughnuts is to dust them with icing sugar and then sprinkle with desiccated coconut.

Makes 8 doughnuts.

Citrus Doughnuts

2 cups flour, sifted
1 pkt. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
½ cup sugar
2 eggs, beaten
2 tbs. melted margarine
3 tbs. milk
4 tbs. orange juice
Grated rind of 1 large orange
Oil for deep frying.

Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Stir in melted margarine, eggs, milk, orange juice and rind. With a spoon drop into heated oil, fry a few at a time. Brown both sides evenly, about five minutes total time. Drain on absorbent paper and roll in icing sugar before serving.

Makes about 2 dozen.

Bananas in Foil Coats

6 bananas
1 large lemon - finely grated rind and juice
4 tbs. clear honey
6 tbs. brown sugar
6 tbs. desiccated coconut
Aluminium foil.
Peel the bananas and place each one on an oblong shaped piece of foil. Sprinkle each with a little lemon juice and rind, brown sugar and honey. Top with desiccated coconut. Pick up edges of foil and fold over two or three times to form a seal. Twist the ends to secure, make sure

the foil is sealed well to avoid loss of sauce that is formed inside by the melted sugar and honey.

Place the bananas in a grill pan and grill for 10 minutes or if the oven is hot put on a baking tray and bake for about 10 minutes. The oven should be heated to about 200°C. Serve in the foil containers.

Six portions.

Eggs in Frame

4 slices bread 2 cm. thick
Margarine for spreading
A little cooking oil
4 medium (No.3) eggs
Salt and pepper
4 small tomatoes, halved.

With a 5 cm. cookie cutter remove a circle from the centre of each slice. Spread each slice with margarine. Fry the slices, buttered side down, in hot oil until golden brown. Turn slices over and break an egg into the centre of each one. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and fry until egg is set.

Lightly fry or grill tomato halves and serve together with the eggs. Ketchup can be served instead of tomatoes.

Serves four.

Sweet Cheese Spread

Children love this.

1 container cream cheese
2 egg yolks, beaten
¼ cup ground almonds
½ cup dried orange peel, finely chopped
4 tbs. sugar
¼ cup seedless raisins
1 heaped tsp. grated lemon rind.

Stir the beaten egg yolks into the cream cheese. Stir in the remaining ingredients. Spread this mixture on rolls or sliced bread (no need to butter) or make bread cups.

To make bread cups cut a square (crustless) out of each slice of bread, spread margarine on both sides. Place buttered side down into tartlet cups and press so that the 4 corners stick up. Bake in a medium oven 180°C until the bread is toasted, 10-15 minutes. Remove, cool and fill with the sweet cheese filling.

The number of sandwiches depends on the thickness of the filling that you desire to spread.

Orange Semolina Snow

50 gm. Semolina (solet)
2½ glasses milk
1 large egg, separated
1 large orange and its grated rind
1 tbs. honey
30 gm. sugar
¼ cup desiccated coconut.

Heat the milk on a low fire. Sprinkle in the semolina, stirring all the time until the mixture thickens - about 10 minutes. Grate the orange rind finely, then place the orange in a bowl with boiling water which facilitates the removal of the pith. Cut orange into slices.

Lightly grease an ovenproof dish with margarine and then place the orange slices at the bottom. Now add the egg yolk, orange rind and honey, to the semolina, mix well and pour it over the orange slices.

Beat egg white until stiff, fold in sugar and coconut lightly. Pile on top of semolina pudding. Sprinkle a little sugar on the top and place the dish in a moderately hot oven (190°C) until the meringue is very lightly browned, about 8-10 minutes.

Serves six.

Rainbow Dreams

½ pkt. raspberry jelly
½ pkt. lemon jelly
1 pkt. Telma whip
½ tsp. vanilla essence
1 tbs. icing sugar.

Place jelly powder in separate



(GPO)

Child's play

Part of the joy of Hanukkah is allowing little fingers to help in the preparation of holiday food, writes Bessie Springson.

bowls and pour 1 cup boiling water over each, stir well until jelly melts. Pour into separate shallow square or oblong dishes or tins to set.

When firm, cut into cubes with a knife which has been dipped in hot water.

Beat the whip, add ½ tsp. vanilla essence and 1 tablespoon icing sugar and continue to beat until very thick.

Nutty Latkes

3 tbs. margarine
1 tbs. oil
3 large potatoes, cooked and mashed
3 eggs, lightly beaten
100 gm. walnuts, chopped
Salt and pepper to taste.

Mix mashed potatoes with eggs, walnuts and seasoning. In heavy pan heat oil and margarine. Drop potato mixture by spoonful into hot fat and fry until crusted and golden. Turn and fry until other side is crusted.

Yields about 2 dozen.

Beef Latkes

100 gm. flour
Salt and pepper to taste
1 egg, beaten

Sweet Potato Latkes

500 gm. sweet potatoes
½ cup flour, sifted
1 egg
2 tbs. sugar
½ tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. baking powder
4 tbs. candied orange peel
Oil for frying.

Peel and grate sweet potato. Add

1 container Telma whip (unwhipped)
1 tbs. chives, chopped
500 gm. minced beef
1 large onion, chopped
Oil for frying
Parsley
1 orange, peeled.

Sieve flour, salt and pepper into a bowl. Gradually add beaten egg and mix until the batter is smooth. Stir beef, onion and chives into the batter and let it stand for 30 minutes. Heat oil (about ½ cm. deep) in frying pan and spoon tablespoons of the mixture into the hot oil, flattening each latke slightly. Lower heat and fry for 5-7 minutes, turning each latke occasionally, until crisp. Garnish with parsley and slices of orange. Serve with an onion salad and a mug of hot soup.

Serves six.

Orange and Onion Salad

2 large oranges, 2 large onions, ¼ cup salad or olive oil, 1 tbs. orange juice, 1 tbs. lemon juice, salt and pepper to taste, ½ tsp. rosemary.

PEOPLE have a horror of the homes for chronic patients, and the impression one gets of these institutions is indeed grim: Elderly people in wheelchairs, catheters, feeding tubes, smells and groans.

Yet in most nursing homes around the country efforts are being made to add a touch of human kindness and concern to the sterile atmosphere. Special staff members are often hired to organize activities and to bring a little sunshine into the drab existence of the chronic patients. Sometimes it is the families of patients who take the initiative, and at other times it is volunteers who undertake to improve the quality of life in a chronic ward.

In the nursing division of Shaare Zedek Hospital, on the sixth floor, Tuesday is a special day. On Tuesdays the patients bake. With the help (and initiative) of an activities organizer, Chana Yisraeli, patients mix ingredients, knead dough and cut out cookies for the whole ward. As the smell of freshly baked goods wafts through the corridors, everyone perks up in anticipation.

Says Leah Nussbaum, director of the chronic unit: "It gives the pa-

tients a feeling of home. Most of them haven't been in a kitchen for years, but the cooking and baking skills are deeply ingrained. Even some mentally impaired patients love participating in this activity.

The occupational therapist in the same ward organizes a flower arrangement project every Friday. Approximately 20 patients prepare small flower displays and then take them to their rooms for Shabbat. "They are very proud to show off their flower arrangements to their families," says Nussbaum.

The same occupational therapist also reads the newspaper with a group of patients and then leads a lively discussion on current affairs.

In the Malben Geriatric Centre in Netanya, Aid for Aged, a group of volunteers, led by Naomi Sklar, conducts similar programmes for the most severely handicapped patients. Every Tuesday 70 participants are entertained in a group activity. Music is provided, refreshments are served and sometimes a group of Netanya children put on a performance. The volunteers dance with the patients, even those in wheelchairs, and, in the words of Sklar, "It's

Letting the sunshine in

Leah Abramowitz

gratifying to see how their faces light up. They come alive when we are there."

On other days, the volunteers conduct individual visits. They bring presents, or run personal errands for the old people of the institution. Many simply take their charge for a walk in the sunshine, and some have become so involved that they are now legal guardians for several isolated patients who have no family.

"We found that although these people were well taken care of physically," says Sklar, "their social needs were ignored." She adds that many old people never had visitors; some had outlived all the other members of their family and friends. In other cases, friends and relatives tended to fall away over the years. Some patients have been at the Malben Institute since 1952. "We found people who never went out of the institution because there was no one to wheel them out," says Sklar.

Another activity undertaken by

the volunteer group is providing equipment and facilities for the Malben Home. At present volunteers are raising money to build a pavilion where the patients can sit outside shielded from the sun.

Aid for the Aged has 85 members, of whom 25 are highly active. Many retired English-speaking couples have joined, but Sklar would like to see more Israelis become involved and raise their awareness of chronic patients. She herself became involved in this project after caring for an invalid mother at home for several years. "I can identify with these old people because my mother was like them," she says.

Amongst her many plans for the organization, Sklar would like to make a film on the elderly, "so that people shouldn't forget them." Aid

for the Aged could well be a model for other communities where there are chronic institutions.

In another nursing home, Neve Simcha, in Jerusalem, volunteer youth are helping to better the quality of life for institutionalized patients. Tsipi Shechter, the home's social worker, initiated a Grandparent Adoption Programme with some 20 youngsters. Several live in the neighbourhood where the home is located and dropped in on their own; others came as part of a school programme

two years ago, and stayed.

"The Adoption Programme is mutually beneficial," explains Shechter. "Some Israeli children have no grandparents in Israel. Many of our inmates have no grandchildren or have no contact with them." The children also take "their" patients for walks; they tell them stories and listen to life histories more interesting than any they can read about in library books. Some even receive tutoring in English or mathematics, for example.

Shechter gives orientation talks to the volunteers who work at Neve Simcha and also conducts counselling sessions with them. She advises them what to expect, what subjects

to talk about, what pitfalls to avoid and what it means to be old. "I get them to go beyond external appearances and try to know the man behind the medical equipment and wheelchair," she says. "They learn that old people have feelings and needs just like everyone else."

The response has been gratifying, according to the social worker. The old people are delighted to have regular young visitors. They are flattered that the youngsters pay attention to them. The children, who previously accepted a stereotype impression of aging, also had positive things to say. A 10-year-old girl remarked, "Why, he's not old! He's just like a young man."

THERE is no counselling aid available to women suffering from post-natal depression unless their condition is so severe that it warrants hospitalization, says Miriam Marcus of Jerusalem. In an effort to aid these women, whom Marcus estimates number in the hundreds in the city alone, she intends to form a voluntary support group for them.

Post-natal depression, says the accredited breast-feeding counsellor and member of the Israel Childbirth Education Centre, expresses itself in constant crying, alienation from husbands and families and resentment towards the newly-born child.

While chronic depression demands hospitalization or psychiatric care, many women suffering from the condition function normally in their daily lives and bear their burden "in snoudering silence."

Marcus has already enlisted the help of a psychiatrist as well as other

Women's news

child-care counsellors and "sympathetic ears." She is also looking presently for mothers who have experienced post-natal depression to provide constructive advice in overcoming the crisis.

Marcus intends to formulate a nationwide network whereby women suffering from post-natal depression as well as still births and other pregnancy-related traumas can receive personal counselling on a woman-to-woman basis. So far no such support group is available in Israel.

Interested women who've suffered through post-natal depression and are willing to share their experiences with others are requested to phone Marcus at 533702.

OVER 550 women who were fired or threatened with firing during pregnancy or after childbirth leave have approached Na'amat's legal aid bureau in the past three months, Na'amat Secretary-General Masha Lubelsky told Labour Minister Moshe Katsav recently.

Most of the women were sacked immediately upon returning from a three-month childbirth leave. Such firing is currently legal. Lubelsky asked Katsav to amend the Women's Labour Law so that women may not be fired until three months after their return from childbirth leave. The minister was sympathetic to her plea, but suggested that the Histadrut and representatives of the Employers Association be consulted on the matter.

ONLY 2 per cent of those serving on the directorates of government-run companies are women, according to Nitzza Shapira-Libai, the prime minister's adviser on the status of women. This despite a 1985 government statement that more women should be co-opted for these positions.

Some government companies, including Bank Yahav (the government workers' credit bank), have no women on their board. Shapira-Libai hopes to rectify this imbalance by submitting the names of qualified women each time one of these positions opens up.

The appointment of women to the directorates of government-run companies, according to Shapira-Libai, is an important step toward bringing more women into influential professional positions.

Today is edited by Joanna Yehiel.

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Moda'i dashes farmers' hopes for gov't aid

By YITZBAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

RISHON LEZION. — Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i told a group of farmers here on Thursday that he was not planning to open his purse strings and give their sector any government aid.

"I have a feeling that the majority of the public is backing me up and is willing to have the budgets of health, education, defence and agriculture cut, as long as this will revive the economy and pull us out of the present economic slump."

Moda'i was speaking at a study-day for farmers at the Agricultural Research Organization at the Volcani Centre here, organized by the Private Farmers Federation.

Federation president Eliahu Zakson warned the minister that the family farm is not only a matter of economics, but also has a nationalistic purpose in helping to hold on to the soil. Zakson begged the minister "not to see agriculture only through the eyes of an economist."

Moda'i's answer was that the agricultural sector must tighten its belt just like all the other sectors. He promised that once the country is out of its current rut, he will be more generous with the farming sector because of its export potential.

In a sarcastic remark about the agriculture ministry Moda'i said that it suffers from lack of planning.

The director-general of the ministry, Meir Ben-Meir, who was not present when Moda'i made this remark, devoted part of his speech to the problems of agricultural planning. "I have spent more time in putting out fires than in planning," he said.

Ben-Meir added that although this

is poor consolation, Israel's farmers suffer similar problems to those facing most of the world's developed countries. This includes surplus production which cannot be sold to underdeveloped countries, because these do not have the money to pay for it, even at reduced prices.

Ben-Meir emphasized that what happens then is that these developed countries subsidize the surplus production of their farmers. By way of example he pointed out that the Americans pay their farmers about 80 cents a pound for cotton, while the price of cotton in the world market is about 60 cents.

"In such a structure of world trade, Israel must find its niche, and we are talking about a country that will soon export about half its agricultural production."

The speaker said that the main problem facing Israeli farmers today is the heavy interest they pay on loans, and that this is the main subject the ministry will have to deal with in the coming two years.

Ben-Meir did not promise his listeners an easy time. They were mainly from veteran settlements and established villages. He told them that the ministry would during the coming years give preference to border settlements. "This will also mean that we will have to take away from you, the veterans, some production quotas and give them to the younger border settlements, which have no other sources of livelihood."

"This is what differentiates the farming sector from the industrial sector. I have not yet seen any industrialist giving up production quotas in favour of fledgling plants in border settlements."

Savings up 15% under economic plan

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The public held \$42 billion in savings at the end of October, 15 per cent more than in July when the economic programme was launched.

Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum also told the Knesset Finance Committee Thursday that during the first three months of the plan, the public had sold some \$350 million worth of foreign currency to the Bank of Israel. He added that this figure should be compared to the second quarter of 1984, when the

public purchased some \$700m. from the central bank.

"The difference between those two figures underlines the credibility of the current economic plan in the eyes of the public," he said.

The governor came out against recent calls for a tax on financial assets. "I do not think that somebody is seriously thinking about such possibility," the governor added.

Mandelbaum told the committee members that of the \$42b. worth of financial assets, some \$36b. represent government debt.

U.S. signs first investment treaty in Europe

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. signed a treaty on Tuesday to encourage mutual investment with Turkey, its first such accord with a European ally.

It provides guarantees for free transfer of money and for protection

against nationalization of private property, as well as for methods to settle disputes between a government and a private investor.

The U.S. has about \$20 million invested in Turkey.

Lecture on how to avoid long-distance business fraud

Pitfalls of international trade

By SIMSON CARLEBACH
Special to The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. — Businessmen, insurers and bankers attending a lecture last week at the Export 85 fair here received tips on how to avoid becoming the victims of international fraud.

When hearing about some ingenious schemes used by million-dollar crooks from Eric Ellen, director of International Maritime Bureau, London, the audience laughter was frequent but unreserved. Funny, yes, but such cases could happen at the expense of any of them.

In one instance, a Third-World importer ordered from a regular supplier \$25,000 worth of goods with a \$250,000 invoice, in order to transfer funds out of the country. The supplier complied with the invoice, except he took the payment and neglected to send any of the goods. At the receiving end of the \$250,000, a bank clerk, realizing what was occurring, pocketed those funds.

Because distance frequently separates the buyer from seller, documentation must take the place of merchandise. Most of the crimes mentioned by Ellen hinged on documentation that was forged or otherwise illegal.

"The worst thing about disappearing goods," said Ellen, a former Chief Constable of the Port of Lon-

don Police, "is that since it's unknown where the crime occurred, no law enforcement agency wants to accept jurisdiction."

At the lecture, Israeli advocate Peter Gad Naschitz spoke about Israeli cases of maritime fraud, and also contributed ideas on how to avoid it. Here is an amalgam of the advice given:

□ If you do not know the other party, even if he is selling, obtain credit references and status reports on him through embassy trade sections, banks, or other trade sources such as the International Chamber of Commerce or Dun & Bradstreet.

□ Under the letter of credit you issue to the seller, call for a complete set of documents of title to the goods. Request that inspection and analyses certificates relating to the goods be issued by a third party you know is independent. A case mentioned by Ellen had the buyer insisting on ten separate documents, which were subsequently all issued fraudulently by ten separate agencies of the seller.

□ Check that the vessel carrying the cargo actually exists, is scheduled for the ports concerned, and is listed as having the capacity to take on such cargo. Be especially careful of charter vessels.

□ Get a performance of voyage bond from the seller's bank.

□ Arrange for a cargo surveyor to supervise loading. If possible and when the expense warrants it, hire a supercargo to remain on the vessel during transit and to supervise discharging operations.

□ Obtain effective seals for containers. Normal sealing procedures are unreliable.

□ Take care in verifying documents and urge banks and insurers to do the same. Any inconsistencies, such as name spellings that don't match, or date discrepancies, should make you wary.

□ Be wary that you might be on the receiving end of a bad deal if the goods offered are in strong demand but short supply; if they are bargain-priced, or the freight costs are unusually low.

Other reasons for suspicion are if abnormal payment conditions are requested, such as speedy issuance of credits, or advance fees to an intermediary; or if bills of lading come from an unknown charter company.

Be wary if the value of the cargo exceeds the value of the ship, or if the names of other parties resemble the names of well-known business houses.

The lecture, given to a packed audience, was sponsored by the International Chamber of Commerce in Israel.

WALL STREET WEEK

More investors than before have hand in bullish market

BOCA RATON, Florida (AP). — Official New York Stock Exchange data released last week show there are more investors than ever before — about 47 million as of mid-1985, up from a little more than 42 million two years earlier.

But the survey results issued by the New York Stock Exchange this last week show that most of the public's money lately has not been going directly into stocks.

In fact, according to the exchange's figures, the numbers of direct investors in both NYSE and over-the-counter stocks actually declined from mid-1983 to mid-1985.

Instead, much of the new public investment money has been channelled into mutual funds, which in turn put it to work in stocks and other securities.

If the stock market rally continues, some analysts believe, many individual investors may find the temptation increasing to get into the game directly.

"The demand for equities in the

Shekem ready to bake 1/2 million sufganiyot

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Shekem's central bakery expects to turn out half a million Hanukkah doughnuts this year — an anticipated 30% rise over last year's production. Shekem reports it is selling these below the official maximum prices. They cost IS400 in Shekem stores and IS340 at army-base canteens.

The Shekem management also announces that Aluf-Mishne (Res.) Gideon Aloni has taken over as production and supply manager, which includes responsibility for the baked goods and meat plants. He replaces Dan Amitai, who has retired after 27 years in the position.

LOAN. — The International Monetary Fund announced last week approval of a low-interest loan of approximately \$180 million to help Bangladesh cope with economic problems aggravated by flooding and crop losses.

TOURISM BRIEFS

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE TOURISM Ministry has commissioned the preparation of a new tourism masterplan to aid planning for both internal tourism and visits from abroad. Heading the team which is to prepare the plan is David Kuchav, former director of the planning department of the Bank of Israel.

THE TADMOR Hotel Training School is planning a chefs' course for Israel Defence Forces master sergeants. The eight-month course will include classes in utilization of leftovers, food sanitation and frozen foods.

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS of 25% are being offered this month to tourists buying Israeli products in shops recommended for tourists. The campaign, similar to one held in July, is sponsored by the Tourism Ministry.

EL AL is sponsoring a campaign to encourage tourism to Israel from German villages. As part of the campaign, the airline is inviting mayors, journalists and travel agents from such communities to visit Israel as its guests.

THE JORDAN RIVER Hotel in Tiberias has appointed Deiv Salustikij as its new general manager. Salustikij, 39, was born in Finland, studied at the Cornell University Hotel Management School and served formerly at the Tel Aviv Hilton.

THE RUMANIAN Tourist Office announces that the ski slides in the Carpathian Mountains have already

opened. Rumania is presently offering seven-day package ski tours for \$369 per person.

THE DANIEL Hotel in Herzliya now has a special spa offer to Israeli, including full-board in a special dietetic restaurant and use of the hotel's spa facilities, for IS290,000 per person for a three-day weekend, or four-day midweek stay. The hotel is also marketing a similar package for visitors from abroad.

THE LAGOONA Hotel in Eilat is undergoing a \$2 million renovation programme, which will also link it to the adjoining King Solomon Hotel. Both hotels are managed by Isrotel, owned by British hotel magnate David Lewis.

RAMAT GADER has joined the country's kibbutz guesthouse network. The move marks intensification of marketing efforts abroad by the site, which includes hot baths, antiquities, an alligator farm and a restaurant.

THE TOUR MANAGERS' international association is to choose an Israeli, Moshe Eshed, as its coming president. Eshed was formerly chairman of the Israel branch of the organization.

MALCHUS AGENCIES announces that the Queen Elizabeth, for which it is the representative, is to be renovated at a cost of \$80m. It is also offering the coming round-the-world cruise of the ship at prices starting at \$15,000 per person for the full 95-day tour. According to the agency, dozens of Israelis participate every year in the ship's world cruises.

BBC may set up world TV network

LONDON (Reuters). — The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) said last week that it was considering setting up a world television service along the lines of its overseas radio service.

To examine the feasibility of starting a news and current affairs service to be called External Broadcasting and Vision.

The BBC was likely to ask the British government to fund the project, he said.

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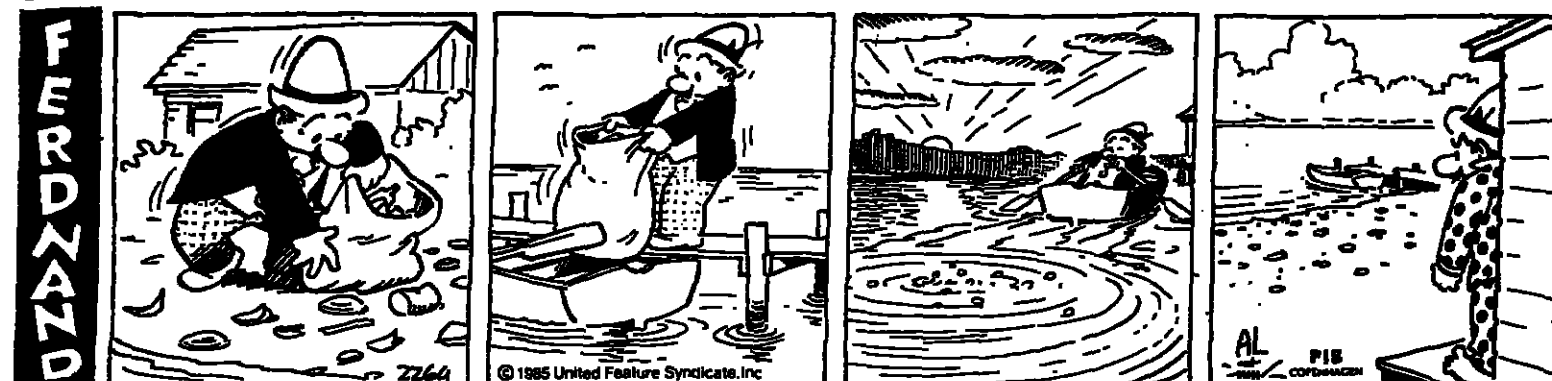
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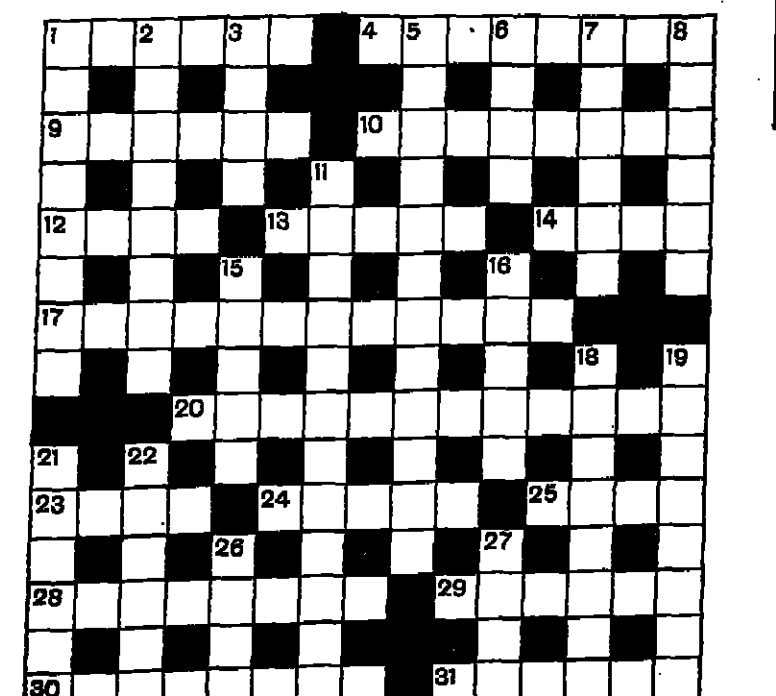
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Sports

Sha'arayim 0, Hapoel Petah Tikva 1 VICTORY AT LAST

By YARON KENAN
REHOVOT. — Hapoel Petah Tikva were well worth the three points they gained from their entertaining 1-0 victory over Maccabi Sha'arayim, at the latter's attractive stadium, set here in the midst of the orange groves. Both teams were hitherto winless, but, on the form they displayed here yesterday, both will climb the league ladder as their confidence mounts.

Some hot-headed Sha'arayim loyalists hurled some harsh words at their club management as they realized that the game would be lost, but otherwise the atmosphere was good-tempered and worthy of the highly attractive, flowing soccer that the two teams provided.

Before the game began, the crowd stood and observed a minute's silence in memory of Moshe Levy, the young soldier who was killed on Thursday. The only discordant note was one cry of "Kahane!", that was quickly shouted by people around the offender.

Despite the criticism hurled at the management by the unthinking, Sha'arayim have put through some very shrewd deals through their recent acquisitions of strikers Moshe Zeitoun and the illustrious Mickey Ben-Shitrit, and above all, of mid-fielder Nahum Zeidman. Twenty-four years old, Zeidman played for Peru in the recent Maccabiah, and was acquired by Sha'arayim when he decided to immigrate. He is going to make his mark in Israeli soccer.

These players looked good, but the glory of the day went to the

youngsters in the Hapoel team. Fashioned into an intelligent and smooth combination by their coaches Dror Banur and former international Giora Spiegel, they will certainly develop into a formidable team.

In their use of a trio of speedy strikers — Nir Levin, Alon Hazan and Ronnen Hillel — they are reminiscent of the famous Maccabi Haifa team.

In the first 20 minutes, Hillel and Levin might have scored on at least four occasions after some brilliant runs, but their inexperience made them over-eager and they muffed their shots at the last moment.

At the other end, the home team forced half-a-dozen corners, but their coach, Yitzhak Shum, has not yet drilled them adequately in the exploitation of set-piece situations.

Petah Tikva took the lead after 40 minutes when Hazan drove in a fierce shot after a shot from Hillel had bounced off goalkeeper Adiv Shamir.

Zion Yosef and Gil Saba, Hapoel's reliable, fighting midfielders, aborted most of Sha'arayim's efforts to equalize. When the Rehovot strikers did get through, they found the energetic and brave Ronnie Gerby in goal too good for them.

Despite the complaints of the malcontents, Sha'arayim have got a great potential now, while Hapoel Petah Tikva's young side will make a mark on the local soccer scene for many seasons to come, once they have developed confidence in themselves.



GOAL! — Yavne goalkeeper Freddie Lefner dives in vain at a pilerdriver from Betar Jerusalem's Shlomo Shirazi at YMCA.

Two leaders strike deadly form

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Maccabi Haifa and Betar Jerusalem, who have been champions and runners-up of the National League for the past two seasons, look as if they will dominate the game this season as well. The Haifa champions scored a 4-1 away win over Shimshon Tel Aviv, after trailing 1-0, and Betar thrashed Maccabi Yavne 4-0 at YMCA in the capital. Maccabi Haifa now lead Betar Jerusalem by two points, with Hapoel Tel Aviv a further two points behind in third place after a 0-0 draw in Haifa.

Three games at the Bloomfield Stadium drew a 12,000 crowd, and those who sat through all the games from 11:30 a.m. were rewarded with 14 goals, some of them quite breathtaking. The highlight came in the last game, in which Maccabi Petah Tikva and Maccabi Tel Aviv drew 4-4. The first match provided a surprise — Hapoel Beersheba beat Maccabi Netanya 1-0.

The sandwiched game featured champions Maccabi Haifa. Within two minutes of the start, Shimshon went ahead with a 15m. shot by Avinoam Ovadia. But, though a goal down, Maccabi Haifa always looked a cut above the host team. Baruch Maman levelled the scores in the 16th minute with a cracking shot from 20m. Zahi Armeli celebrated his return to the side with the first of two goals in the 39th minute from close range. His second in the 82nd minute was a tremendous shot from 25m. Zion Mariti got the fourth from the penalty spot, after Ronnie Rosenthal was brought down.

The Haifaites showed the 12,000 fans why they top the first division, by playing concentrated attacking football, with Armeli, Moshe Selektor, Zedok Malca and Rosenthal all in the firing-line, strongly supported by Maman and Abu Karat just behind them. Shimshon simply had no answer to such tactics.

Betar Jerusalem were not to be outshone by Haifa, and, at the YMCA pitch it was Shlomo Shirazi who was the star. From his position

at right back, Shirazi stormed up-field to grab two goals, in the first minute of each half. Further Betar goals came from Hanan Azulai in the 18th minute and Asher Sasson in the 66th minute. Yavne were no match for Betar in full cry in a game watched by 3,000 spectators.

Doron Rabinson shot Maccabi Petah Tikva into a two goal lead in the 14th and 21st minute against Maccabi Tel Aviv. But the Petah Tikva team did not reckon with Tel Aviv's Motti Iwanir who cracked in two goals within one minute, on the half hour. Eli Dricks headed Tel Aviv into a 3-2 lead just before half-time.

Petah Tikva drew level with an Eyal Begleiter penalty, after Rafi Cohen was tripped. Haim Goldberg restored the Tel Aviv lead when he headed in an Iwanir pass in the 69th minute but that was not the end. In the 76th minute, Petah Tikva captain Elisha Levy slotted the ball past Bonnie Ginsburg to make it 4-4, the final score.

With Avi Cohen injured, Motti Iwanir took over the role of midfield general for Maccabi Tel Aviv, but he also gave close support to the Tel Aviv attack. Benny Tabak and Moshe Gariani, veterans of the national team, were badly out of

touch. Begleiter was best for Petah Tikva.

Many pundits will rate Hapoel Beersheba's performance as the best of all the six teams at Bloomfield. Led by Eli Weizmann and Yossi Shoshani, Beersheba are a team on the upgrade. They fought for every ball and also showed technical flair to outplay Maccabi Netanya. Weizmann scored the winning goal from a Shoshani pass in the 8th minute.

Only frantic efforts by the experienced Netanya defenders Haim Bar, Nissim Barda and goalkeeper Arie Haviv kept Beersheba from scoring further goals. The Netanya attack, despite its highly rated players Oded Machness, David Lavie and Shalom Tikva, made no impression. The nearest they got to scoring was in the last minute, when Benny Lamm shot from three metres, only to see Mario Zochovitsky save brilliantly.

Nissim Cohen, signed two weeks ago by Beir Yehuda, yesterday repaid his \$30,000 transfer handsomely when he scored the winning goal in the 66th minute against Maccabi Jaffa.

In Kfar Sava, Hapoel Beersheba forced a 1-1 draw with an 87th minute header by Meir Nahshon. In the 38th minute Meir Vaknin had given the home Hapoel its lead.

In the second division, Maccabi Ramat Amidar continued to lead Betar Netanya by one point as both teams drew away games. Hapoel Be'er Sheva beat Hadera 3-2 after trailing 2-0 to move within one point of Ramat Amidar.

National League		Standings (after 11 games)	
1	Macc. Netanya	11	20
2	Macc. Haifa	10	18
3	Shimshon	9	17
4	Hapoel Beersheba	8	16
5	Macc. Tel Aviv	7	15
6	Macc. Petah Tikva	6	14
7	Betar Jerusalem	5	13
8	Hapoel Tel Aviv	4	12
9	Macc. Yavne	3	11
10	Macc. Jaffa	2	10
11	Macc. Beersheba	1	9
12	Macc. Netanya	0	8

Second Division		Standings (after 11 games)	
1	Ramat. Amidar	11	20
2	Betar Netanya	10	18
3	Hapoel Beersheba	9	17
4	Hapoel Be'er Sheva	8	16
5	Hapoel Be'er Sheva	7	15
6	Hapoel Be'er Sheva	6	14
7	Hapoel Be'er Sheva	5	13
8	Hapoel Be'er Sheva	4	12
9	Hapoel Be'er Sheva	3	11
10	Hapoel Be'er Sheva	2	10
11	Hapoel Be'er Sheva	1	9
12	Hapoel Be'er Sheva	0	8

United's misery ends

LONDON (Reuters). — Irish international striker Frank Stapleton ended his 15-match goal famine yesterday by hitting injury-hit English League leaders Manchester United out of their recent misery.

Stapleton slammed the 33rd-minute winner which gave troubled United a 1-0 win over Ipswich at Old Trafford, their first win in eight games, and kept them two points clear of Liverpool in the race for the League title.

United top the table with 46 points from 20 games, with Liverpool, 3-0 winners at home against Aston Villa, second on 44 points from the same number of matches.

West Ham consolidated their third position by snatching a 1-0 victory over city neighbours Queens' Park Rangers — their first win there since 1974 — to move to 41 points.

Struggling Birmingham's clash with Watford was interrupted after 61 minutes with the score 1-1 when police evacuated the ground following a bomb scare.

Stapleton, who suffered the ignominy of an own goal on Wednesday when United lost a Super Cup tie against reigning League champions Everton 1-0, shot home from close range after John Gidman's low cross ran loose.

His goal was the perfect lift for

United, without regular first teamers Bryan Robson, Remi Moses, Mike Duxbury, Kevin Moran, Peter Barnes and Arthur Albiston. It was not easy to break down an Ipswich defence superbly organized by England defender Terry Butcher.

Liverpool had few problems against Villa, with Denmark's talented midfielder Jan Molby putting them on the road to victory after only two minutes. He floated a perfect free kick into the net after Villa's debutant Paul Elliott, a \$600,000 signing from Luton this week, fouled Welsh striker Ian Rush on the edge of the penalty area. Paul Walsh and Craig Johnston completed the tally in the second half.

Frank McCavennie, who helped Scotland clinch their World Cup title against Australia in Melbourne on Wednesday, showed no signs of jet-lag as he scored West Ham's winner at Rangers.

The brilliant Scot struck 18 minutes from time to maintain his side's most impressive title challenge for many seasons. His 19th goal makes him the league leader.

Tottenham romped to a 5-1 win over lowly Oxford, Clive Allen celebrating his return to First Division action with two goals. Glenn Hoddle and Chris Waddle got the others.

Division One		Division Two	
1	Manchester C.	1	Sheff. U.
2	Liverpool	2	Sheff. Wed.
3	Aston Villa	3	Sheff. U.
4	Newcastle	4	Sheff. Wed.
5	Ipswich	5	Sheff. U.
6	West Ham	6	Sheff. Wed.
7	Notts. Forest	7	Sheff. U.
8	Sheff. W.	8	Sheff. Wed.
9	Sheff. U.	9	Sheff. U.
10	Sheff. Wed.	10	Sheff. U.
11	Sheff. U.	11	Sheff. Wed.
12	Sheff. Wed.	12	Sheff. U.
13	Sheff. U.	13	Sheff. Wed.
14	Sheff. Wed.	14	Sheff. U.
15	Sheff. U.	15	Sheff. Wed.
16	Sheff. Wed.	16	Sheff. U.
17	Sheff. U.	17	Sheff. Wed.
18	Sheff. Wed.	18	Sheff. U.
19	Sheff. U.	19	Sheff. Wed.
20	Sheff. Wed.	20	Sheff. U.

Boston beaten

BOSTON (AP). — The Portland Trail Blazers overcame the home town advantage Boston has enjoyed in the National Basketball Association, overpowering the Celtics 121-103 on Friday to become the first visiting team to win in Boston Garden this season.

The loss was Boston's worst at home since the Celtics had an 18-game winning streak snapped in a 16-98 defeat by Philadelphia on March 28, 1982. It broke a nine-game winning streak for Boston.

In other NBA action, it was Denver 123, Philadelphia 121; Atlanta 94, Milwaukee 93; Dallas 107, New York 83; Washington 115, Seattle 109; Chicago 131, San Antonio 123; Phoenix 111, Utah 92; and Los Angeles Lakers 98, Houston 112.

Curry KO's McGrory

AS VEGAS (AP). — Donald Curry knocked Milton McGrory cold with a nashing right to the jaw in the second round on Friday night to become the undisputed welterweight champion of the world.

It was a devastating performance by Curry, known as "The Lone Star Cobra," who struck with lightning speed in thumping "The Detroit Man" in less than five minutes.

Caesarea golf

CAESAREA. — Friday's Individual Stroke-Play Tournament A Division was won by Meir Assayag of Or Akiva with a 3-under-par 70 net, and the B Division by Walter Rosenthal of Haifa, with a 71 net.

Rugby results

ASA Techion 9, Hapoel Yizre'el 47; ASA Tel Aviv "A" 4, Hapoel Ra'anana 15; ASA Tel Aviv "B" 4, ASA Jerusalem 71; Hapoel Kfar Hanassi 30, Hapoel Gali Eilayon 0.

SCOREBOARD

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French support Israeli rugby

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

RAMAT GAN. — The Israel Rugby Football Union has been invited to participate in next April's annual European under-18 junior rugby tournament in Bucharest, and also to send a men's team to France in the autumn for a three-week tour, with all expenses paid by the French Rugby Union.

The invitations were handed to Irfu president Cyril Morris last week by Albert Ferrasse and Marcel Batigne, respectively presidents of the French Union and of the Paris-based Federation Internationale de Rugby Amateur (FIRA).

Ferrasse and Batigne have just spent four days here at the invitation of the Irfu, during which they met with the heads of local sports bodies and were received by President Herzog, in his youth an enthusiastic rugby player in Dublin.

Israel is a member of the 27-nation Fira, which was founded in Paris more than 50 years ago. Fira consists mainly of countries in Western and Eastern Europe, but also includes Tunisia and Morocco, as well as several other former French territories in Africa. Israel joined the Federation in 1980, and a year later they played their first-ever official rugby Test match against Switzerland in Geneva, with a 9-9 draw.

The visitors, both former top-class rugby players and referees — Batigne turned out for the French national XV — were full of praise for the Israeli team, after watching a local selected XV overwhelm a Cyprus-based British Army side 64-0 at Kibbutz Yizre'el, and so enthusiastic that they have decided jointly to "adopt" Israel, they told me in an interview at Ramat Gan's Kfar Hamaccabiah. As a curtain-raiser at Yizre'el, there was an under-19 youth game.

"Leaving aside the question of the strength of the opposition or the final score in the match against the British Army team, we were able to judge that the Israeli players are without doubt of a very high standard," Ferrasse stated unequivocally.

Batigne added: "The team gave a beautiful exhibition of rugby, with the backs really keeping the ball



RUGBY VETERANS. — (L to R) Cyril Morris, Marcel Batigne, President Chaim Herzog and Albert Ferrasse at the President's home.

moving in a way which delighted us. On the basis of what we saw, we rate the standard of the game here as being up to that of top-class second league clubs in France. At the international level, Israel looks one of the better sides in Fira, after our 'big two' France and Romania.

"You would have a good chance against our next strongest countries, Italy and Russia, and are probably better than West and East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Belgium and Spain." If Ferrasse and Batigne have one small criticism, it is of the Israeli forwards. "The pack needs to work harder, to reach the high quality of the back line."

Ferrasse reported that the French Union would organize six games for the men's team on their October tour, and it was hoped to add an official Test against Spain to the itinerary. Batigne added that the youth game at Yizre'el had shown that the standard of junior rugby here was on a par with that of the other 15 or so countries — among them the Soviet Union — expected to participate in Fira's 18th youth tournament in Bucharest.

The two guests, who work closely together, said that the bodies which they head are very keen to assist in the development of rugby wherever they can all over the world. "We see a tremendous potential for the game in Israel and want to help the Irfu

as much as possible, Ferrasse commented. Rugby and athletics follow soccer and tennis as the major sports in France. The total of 220,000 active French rugby players is the largest number in any of the 90 countries around the globe where the game is played at present. The French Union, established more than 50 years ago, now has 2,000 affiliated clubs.

"However, it is in Japan that rugby has really exploded. It has become by far the country's fastest-growing sport, with the total number of players already close to 200,000 — as against a mere 5,000 only four years ago. International matches in Japan attract as many as 60,000 spectators."

Ferrasse and Batigne reported that rugby is also developing rapidly in the Soviet Union, where the army now consider it a better form of training than close combat. They would like to see the game they love so dearly being taken up by the Israel Defence Forces, as well as by the schools. In the meantime, they were happy to learn that at least half of the country's 400 rugby players are sub-19s.

Morris announced that both the Government Sports Authority and the Israel Olympic Committee have promised their support to the Irfu for next year's two tours to France. "I believe these tours will really mark Israel's breakthrough into international rugby, after nearly 15 years of trying," Morris said enthusiastically.

Martina does it again

MELBOURNE (Reuters). — Martina Navratilova clinched the end-of-year women's number one tennis ranking for the fourth successive time by beating arch-rival Chris Evert Lloyd 6-2, 4-6, 6-2 to win her third Australian Open title yesterday.

Navratilova described her 13th grand slam title, achieved in one hour 44 minutes on a blustery Kooyong centre court, as one of the most satisfying of her career.

"There was so much riding on it," she said. "We both felt the number one ranking was on the line."

It was the 29-year-old left-hander's second Grand Slam title of 1985. Lloyd beat her in the French open final, but Navratilova gained revenge in the Wimbledon final before both were beaten in the U.S. Open — Lloyd in the semi-finals, Navratilova in the final — by Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia.

The men's final will not be played until tomorrow after rain again interrupted semi-final action. Defending champion Mats Wilander of Sweden won his place in the final by completing a 7-5, 6-1, 6-3 victory over Slobodan Zivojinovic of Yugoslavia in a contest halted by rain on Friday after one game of the third set.

In the second semi-final yesterday, world number one Ivan Lendl trailed fifth-seeded Stefan Edberg of Sweden 2-1 in the first set when heavy rain forced it to be put off until today.

"Once Chris got back to one set all, I knew I had to win the third set stay there," said Navratilova. "I did not want to win here by beating somebody else. It had to be Chris." She added that the ranking situation helped to motivate her.

"I am good at short term goals, not long term ones. I knew this was for the number one ranking and I zeroed in on that." She said retaining the top ranking was more satisfying this year than previously "because it had not been a race before." She went on, "This one was tough on the nerves. It seems that Chris and I always play great matches."

Navratilova's \$100,000 cheque for her victory brought her career prize money to \$9,866,474, more than any other player, male or female, has ever won.

Lloyd said she could not find her rhythm in the opening set. "I couldn't get my timing and wasn't moving or hitting the ball well," she said. "Martina did not let me get into my rhythm, but, when the points started to come in the second set, I was surprised at how easy I was winning them. There was a lot of pressure in the last set, and Martina handled it better than I did."

But Lloyd said she was happy about her year's achievements and

believed she could recapture the number one crown.

Navratilova's all-court aggressiveness was the decisive factor, and she looked certain to win in straight sets when she took the first 6-2 in 28 minutes after breaking serve in the fourth and sixth games.

Lloyd stayed pinned to the baseline and looked out of touch. But she began to find her rhythm and, as her passing shots began to work, she broke serve in the fifth game of the second set for a 3-2 lead. But it took her eight set points to level the match. She had 0-40 on Navratilova's serve when leading 5-3, but was pulled back to deuce.

Lloyd, beaten but unbowed, scoffed at speculation she might be retiring from tennis to start a family. "I think I can find it within me to go through it again," she said with a smile. "It will be a little more tedious probably. But I still see weaknesses in my game and I've come so close right now. I'm looking forward to five weeks off, but, before I retire, I want to be the best I can be."

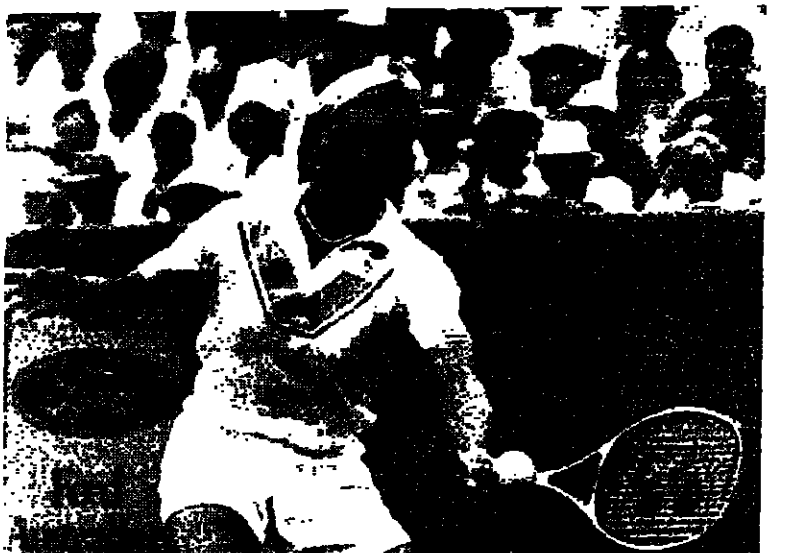
She added that she planned to take more chances next year. "That may mean my results are a bit more inconsistent too, but that's the price I'll have to pay," she said.

Lloyd felt that playing on grass was a decisive factor in her defeat. "I'm basically the only baseline player that does well on grass," she said. "It's not a natural thing, and when the chips are down, you have to give the edge to the serve-volleyer because that's the way to play on grass. The court surface is a bit more natural for Martina, and I think it was evident in the third set."

Wilander moved nearer his third successive title here by breaking Zivojinovic, who shocked American John McEnroe in the quarter-finals. Wilander again wore an elbow brace to protect a slightly strained right arm but afterwards seemed unconcerned, even though the arm was bathed in an ice pack.

"I don't think the arm is any worry," he said. "The brace is just for protection." He said he was now playing better than at the same stage last year, and added he would like to meet Edberg in the final, because "it would ensure another title for Sweden."

World number one Ivan Lendl faces a three-week suspension from tennis. A fine imposed on him had taken him over the \$7,500 annual limit. Lendl was fined \$1,000 Thursday for wearing an oversized advertising patch on his shirt during his quarter-final victory over John Lloyd of Britain. He was earlier fined \$500 for an audible obscenity and \$350 for ball abuse.



VOLLEYER. — Martina Navratilova's serve-and-volley game proves to be too good for Chris Evert Lloyd on grass in the Australian Open final.

Rabins start well in family tennis

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Defence Minister Rabin and his wife Lea got off to a great start in the weekend's opening leg of the Israel Tennis Association's fourth annual "All-in-the-Family" national Hanukka championships, cruising past Moshe and Micky Beitel 6-1, 6-3 in the first round of the husbands-and-wives competition. Nearly 400 players of all ages are taking part in the meet, being held at the Bat Yam Country Club courts.

Nine events in men's, women's and mixed

doubles are being contested at the tournament, which winds up next weekend. By far the biggest is the fathers-and-sons, with an entry of 73 pairings. The Rabins are among 27 participants in the husbands-and-wives category, the second biggest. At the other end of the scale, is the five-year section for sisters.

The event is being sponsored by Kol-Ba Shalom and Hadasot, and national manager is Yitzhak Parmat. This will be the last local competition in the series, with the Bat Yam meet next July switching over to the game's first-ever International Family Tennis Championships, under the sponsorship of The Jerusalem Post.



WINNERS. — Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Lea Rabin win their first round "All-in-the-Family" match.

The sports pages are edited by Philip Gillon and Yaron Kenan.

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Dirty (and stupid) politics

THE angry protestations of some Likud politicians against the police investigation into the West Bank land-fraud case represent a new low in the nation's political life.

Because the minister of police happens to represent the Alignment, these politicians have chosen to accuse the police investigators of being driven by political motivations. That suspects in the case have been reminded by a court of law, and that the decision to mount an investigation into alleged land-sale fraud was taken by the previous Likud government, are minor facts to which the Likud's verbal hit men, Ronnie Milo and Haim Kaufman, are impervious.

What is it then that has moved them to protest too much? Is their zealotry inspired by a threat they perceive to future West Bank settlement? Or by fear that the previous government's frenetic settlement policy will be impugned? That, it seems, is what they would like the public to believe.

Or could it be that Milo, Kaufman and company panicked when it emerged in court that the Likud was perhaps a designed recipient of funds (or bribes) from a land dealer (or dealers)? And that some of its operatives pocketed the money?

Maybe the problem is one of timing? For the police and court proceedings have burst onto the public stage at an inopportune moment — just when the Shamir faction in Herut, of which Milo and Kaufman are charter members, succeeded in obtaining the appointment of another crony, Michael Dekel, as deputy minister of defence. Awkwardly, it was during the tenure of Dekel as deputy minister of agriculture that the irregularities of which two of his former aides are accused, took place.

Perhaps that is why other Herut personalities, with different factional loyalties, have not joined the cacophonies of the Shamir group. That restraint is itself a telling indictment of the foul accusations which Milo and Kaufman have shovelled onto the public stage.

For what these accusations against the police and the police minister betray is the exact reverse of their intent. It is not the police and the police minister who have imposed political motives on the land-fraud investigation, but rather it is Milo, Kaufman and company who want to impose their political interests on the investigation. They would seek, apparently, cessation of proceedings or a cover-up.

Little wonder, therefore, that their charges have been indignantly rejected by police officers. And little wonder too that more discerning Herut politicians are already assessing the damage to their party caused by the blundering bluster of Milo and Kaufman.

By injecting partisan politics into the land-fraud case, the Shamir faction has removed it from the routinized precinct of police and judicial proceedings and invested it with the high drama of party conflict. That would be a cunning, though base, political maneuver if Herut and the Likud had an advantage to gain.

However, in the case at hand, Milo and Kaufman have succeeded only in playing dirty politics against the best interests of their own party.

That Mr. Shamir, as the titular head of the party, has not called them to order, and has instead echoed, though in milder form, the invective of his loyalists, will not redound to his credit, either in his party or in the public at large.

POSTSCRIPTS

P.S. ROSALIND de Hernandez of Tegucigalpa, got a shock when doctors told her that her "husband" of nine years was actually a woman — and six months pregnant, the Honduras daily newspaper *Herald* reported recently.

The true sex of Gustavo was revealed after "he" was killed in a bar-room brawl last month, the paper said. It did not say who was the father of Gustavo's child.

Rosalinda told the newspaper she had never suspected Gustavo was a woman, although she had thought it odd that her spouse had always avoided being naked in her presence.

P.S. SUNDAY THE RABBI WORE TIGHTS. Rabbi Richard Jacobs, who occupies the Reform pulpit at the Brooklyn Heights Synagogue in Brooklyn, N.Y., also follows a second career — as a ballet dancer. He dances with the Avodah Dance Ensemble, which proclaims that it "uses modern techniques and ballet to provide expression to traditional Jewish ritual." Rabbi Jacobs studied ballet at university. He has introduced modern dance into his synagogue ritual, not only at Simhat Torah, but also at Yom Kippur services and on Friday nights. He refers to his synagogue as "Hasidic Reform."

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TABA TALKS

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Israeli medics on the spot from giving first aid.

Kimche also raised the subject of recent Egyptian-PLO contacts, saying these encouraged terrorism. The Egyptians countered that these served to make the PLO more moderate.

The Defence Ministry was represented at the talks by Tat-Aluf (Brig-Gen.) Dov Sion, who raised the problem of Egyptian permission for an Israeli or joint Israeli-American search in Egyptian territorial waters for the remains of the Israel Navy submarine *Dakar*. It was lost, with 69 men aboard, off Alexandria in 1969.

The Egyptians, according to Foreign Ministry officials, reiterated that they agree in principle to such a search, but have not yet given permission for it to begin or indicated when they might give such permission. It is understood that Egypt

fears that Israel would gather intelligence during such a search.

Sion raised the possibility of formal arrangements, possibly involving the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO), for medical care and evacuation of sick or injured Israeli tourists in Sinai. Sion also brought up the continued problems of access for Israeli yachts and tourists to Coral Island off the Sinai coast; of 19 IDF soldiers missing in action in Egypt since 1973; and of Palestine Arabs at Rafiah stranded on the wrong side of the border by the peace treaty and Israel's withdrawal to the international frontier.

During the visit, Kimche and Tamir met with former prime ministers Kamal Hassan Ali and Mustafa Khalil, and with Foreign Minister Esmet Abdel-Meguid.

The Egyptian delegates are to arrive in Israel tomorrow night and to resume the talks on Tuesday at Herzliya.

THE TORA OFFERS the Jewish people five festivals around which to build its sense of a communal spiritual identity. The forms of those festivals indicate how we can make sense of the different moral and spiritual rhythms that have shaped Jewish sensibilities throughout history.

The dialogue across generations, the sense of historical continuity, is mirrored in the way the Jewish year structures Jewish celebration.

Three of those festivals, Pessah (Passover), Shavuot (Weeks) and Succot (Tabernacles), have a common focus of pilgrimage to Jerusalem. They are festivals of joy. They awaken within the community the primordial historical memories that shape Jewish covenantal self-understanding.

At Pessah, we anchor ourselves into the fundamental memory of the drama of liberation. We begin our historic self-understanding through identifying with our people's yearning for freedom. "We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt" is the story told around the table for every Jewish family for 2,000 years. Each Jew must feel as if he or she is among those who leave Egypt.

Shavuot brings us together before Mount Sinai to receive the Torah. Here our sense of historical empathy is not based upon shared redemption from suffering, political exploitation and the crude forces of history. Here we are alone with our community following the direction of Moses, listening attentively to the way he mediates for us a new appreciation of what our historical destiny is about.

Our self-definition at Shavuot comes not from shared adversity, suffering and persecution, as in the story of the Passover, but from the shared responsibility of *mitzva*, from the way we strive to become "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

The yearning for holiness characterizes and infuses our whole value system. Shavuot tells us that to know the Jew is to know his *mitzva* aspirations, whereas at Pessah to know the Jew is to understand the Pharaoh he encounters.

Festival for the future

By DAVID HARTMAN

AT SUCCOT, we experience the first stages of our pilgrimage in the desert. On our march toward the promised land, Succot places us in a historical time where the centrality is the community and not the land.

Through Succot, we learn that Jewish nationhood is characterized in the first place not by statehood but by a deep sense of communal solidarity. State and land must be instruments to house the community and enable it to flourish. The holy people is the ultimate category, not the holy land.

Succot is the holiday of love for every Jew, when all of Israel shares our table, when our homes are not closed ego mansions, but open for all of Israel to dwell with us in our sukka. We move from the private self to the communal self. Succot creates historic communal solidarity as the condition for nationhood.

The other two Tora festivals, Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, have a different focus. They are not historical festivals commemorating historical events. The mood is not one of joy and communal celebration. They are existential rather than historical festivals.

On Rosh Hashana, Israel is called upon to place all of its life under the sovereignty of God. Rosh Hashana awakens the community to God's longing to see a human world which mirrors His majestic holiness and splendour. It calls upon political authority to give an accounting for the way it has utilized its power. It de-thrones human power from its hubris and quest for absoluteness. Human beings bow in humility at the awesome sound of the shofar.

Yom Kippur is a day of personal reconciliation, of healing, of inspection, of a clear recognition of our frailty and human weakness. On that day, complacency and self-satisfaction are shattered. We dis-

cover the courage to say, "I have sinned."

The call to accountability and the stripping away of self-righteousness are annual existential moments. They are urgent requirements if life will be lived authentically in the presence of God.

Historic empathy on the one hand, and existential authenticity on the other, thus characterize the Tora's festival year.

WHAT IS remarkable about the later additional festivals which come into Jewish history — like Purim and Hanukka — is that they are not rooted in divine revelation. The prophet does not mediate for us their significance. Purim begins in exile, Hanukka and Tisha Be'Av in post-biblical times.

Jews gave post-biblical festivals a role in expressing Jewish historical identity, instead of using the Bible as the exclusive source for our national memory. That is a tribute to our people's religious courage.

The Bible was not allowed to become a fundamentalist prison anchoring us exclusively to the past. "Tora" implies direction, guidance. The word of God is open-ended. It provides the framework in which we can receive future possibilities.

Hanukka celebrates the innovative courage of rabbinic Judaism. It is a festival of the Oral Law, liberating us from literalism and fundamentalism. It teaches us to be open to new possibilities in history, to be anchored in the past indeed, but to be open to the surprises of the future.

When we light the Hanukka candles, we recite the benediction: "Blessed art Thou, King of the Universe, who has made us holy with His commandments and commanded us to light the candle of Hanukka."

The rabbis asked: Where does

God give us this commandment? Hanukka is not explicitly mentioned in the Bible. How can we boldly proclaim that in lighting the candle of Hanukka we are responding to God's command? How can we ex-perience Hanukka as mediating the divine command, since it is not revelation flowing from the mouth of a prophet?

The sages answer that the Tora clearly commands us to accept the guidance of our sages in applying the law of the Bible:

□ You shall act in accordance with the instructions given you and the ruling handed down to you; you must not deviate from the verdict that they announce to you either to the right or to the left. (Deuteronomy 17:11)

□ Remember the days of old, Consider the years of ages past; Ask your father, he will inform you.

Your elders, they will tell you. (Deuteronomy 32:7)

These two verses are quoted by the Talmud (Shabbat 23a, Sukka 46a) to legitimate our describing the lighting of the Hanukka candle as a divine commandment. The sense of God's commanding voice can be felt in post-biblical history.

THE NEW LEADERS who mediate the ongoing significance of history are no longer prophets, but sages and elders who have mastered not only the letter but also the spirit of the Bible. They are able to intuit new possibilities in Judaism, because of their profound anchorage and appreciation of the classic roots of their tradition.

Many have accused traditional Jews of living only in the past, of celebrating the history of the Jews only in memory. We tell stories and celebrate the courage for our classic past, but are frightened to make

sense of new possibilities of history.

Those who sought to build new values in Jewish history are identified as rebels against Jewish tradition. Zionism, therefore, is often characterized as rebellion against tradition, as the courage not only to recite stories about Jewish history but the power to make history.

There are those in Israel who live with memories of the past, who celebrate the liturgical year with passion and enthusiasm — and wait patiently for a messianic future. They live history in story and in prayer. At the other extreme, there are those who have given up the story and prayer and choose the present as the arena in which they pour out their sense of passion for Jewish history.

Hanukka teaches us that we need not live at either pole. We are capable of expressing historic empathy in memories and story and equally of embracing the present.

The rebirth of Israel, I believe, will go down in Jewish history as a normative event symbolizing the Jewish people's ability to build a national renaissance in an undreamed world, its liberation from passive waiting for a messianic kingdom, its courage to begin again to renew the spirit of the covenant.

Those who are a part of the contemporary reality of Israel are really shaping a new Hanukka for the future. In that spirit, we can recite benedictions over our own recent history.

"Blessed art Thou, King of the Universe, who has made us holy with His commandments and commanded us to live afresh with the power of the beginning."

"Blessed art Thou... who has commanded us to gather in all of the exiles and to welcome with love and dignity all Jews who proudly proclaim to the world that they are members of the covenant."

The courage to initiate new meanings and not to be tied exclusively to the precedents of the past is a gift of the Hanukka lights to the Jewish soul.

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READERS' LETTERS

PLAY FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — The coming conference on play as enrichment for the disabled child will be held at the Wingate Institute, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 11, and not as we stated in our letter of November 29.

ISRAEL PLAY ASSOCIATION
Kfar Shmaryahu.

THE LIBERAL INTERNATIONAL

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — I refer to Itzhak Nemer's letter of November 25 regarding the Liberal International Congress, in response to Moshe Kol's letter on the same matter.

Mr. Nemer refers to Shiniui's application to the Liberal International and wonders why we did not accept his proposal to content ourselves with participating as guests at the events of the LI. Mr. Nemer forgets to mention in his letter that his opposition to the admission of Shiniui to the LI was based on his statement that we are a splinter party, a protest movement, and have no right to be accepted in any way by the LI. The LI Congress adopted the following resolution:

"The Congress of the LI considers Shiniui a party belonging to the broad spectrum of liberalism in Israel."

"Due to the veto put forward by the Liberal Party of Israel at the Executive meeting in Reykjavik, the Congress cannot admit Shiniui this year."

This resolution was approved by 148 members of the conference and only the six members of Mr. Nemer's delegation opposed it.

Furthermore, Mr. Nemer claims that the admission of Shiniui would distort the composition of the Israeli representation to the detriment of the Israeli Liberal Party. The fact is that the exclusion of Shiniui, the only Israeli party whose members were elected independently on a liberal platform, distorts the representation of liberalism in an international liberal body. The Liberal Party, being part of the Likud and adopting non-liberal approaches on most public and political matters, has no right to speak on behalf of liberalism and to bar Shiniui from the LI.

As to the stand on the Israeli raid on Tunis, I regard it as my duty to point out that of all the Israelis who attended the conference, including me, made a concerted effort to reject the draft resolution against Israel. The main effort was made by Moshe Kol, whose personal standing and contacts were invaluable in achieving whatever success Israel's cause had in this matter.

MORDECHAI VIRSHUBSKI, MK
Jerusalem.

SHAME ON THE SHARIRS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — Tourism Minister Sharir's absence during the Skai Convention was bad enough. However, the comments of his wife Rivka upon their return ("Who wants to live in such a country?") are sufficient reason for the prime minister to call for Sharir's prompt resignation.

SHELDON STEINBERG
Jerusalem.

Sir, — Why did Rivka Sharir return with her husband? She could have remained where she was.

JOHN POLACHEK
Haifa.

Sir, — Any boost that Tourism Minister Sharir may have given to tourism during his three-week visit abroad must surely have been ruined by Rivka's remarks. May Heaven protect our tourist industry if she

opened her mouth abroad, other than for eating!

JOE GODDMAN
Jerusalem.

Sir, — With the help of his wife Rivka, the returning tourism minister could come up with a new slogan for promoting tourism: Israel — It's a fine place to visit, but I wouldn't want to live there.

SANFORD and JUDY RUDMAN
Jerusalem.

Sir, — Those taxpayers who see their reluctantly paid taxes go on overseas trips of our ministers — which, by some unfathomable logic, include the pleasure trips of their wives — are easily tempted to leave for a country where those in power do not squander funds which are so desperately needed by the old and the sick.

G. ROESLER
Nahariya.

CALL FOR WORLD FEDERATION

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — At the present time, just after the Reagan-Gorbachev meeting, it may be legitimate to divide Israelis into two groups: those who look forward to a positive outcome of that meeting, with super-power agreement on a comprehensive settlement of the Israeli-Arab conflict, and those of us who fear such an outcome, because of its inevitable price tag.

Be that as it may, it is doubtful whether the summit meeting will have any noticeable impact on mankind's real problems, which clearly do not include this insignificant local dispute between a few million Israelis and Palestinians.

One may indeed question whether the present world system is equal to today's problems, and fit to survive into the 21st century. I suggest it is outdated and inadequate to master

the challenges of our age, and that it is time to revive the old concept of world government, or world federation.

Nowadays one hears only rarely the idea seems utopian and wellnigh impossible under present conditions. But do we, in fact, have an alternative to world federation? Is there any other way to tackle the truly awesome problems facing humanity?

The threat of a nuclear holocaust, Worldwide poverty and illiteracy, The population explosion, and The devastation of our environment?

Like helpless spectators, we are watching the progress of the tragedy, all the time being conscious of a grim and inevitable finale.

ZEEV RAPHAEL
Haifa.

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